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## WITHDRAWAL TO NEW DEFENCES COMPLETED

### NAZI ARMS SHIP BLOWN UP

Naval aircraft have torpedoed a tanker, a supply ship and an ammunition ship recently, all of which were intended for the enemy armies in the Balkans, it was officially announced in London yesterday.

In addition a large tanker was hit by torpedoes and probably sunk off the Norwegian coast by the Free French submarine "Minerve".

The tanker was of about 10,000 tons, the supply ship about 6,000 tons and the ammunition ship about 7,000 tons.

The munition ship blew up with a tremendous explosion and columns of smoke and fire rose 3,000 feet into the air.

One of our aircraft is missing from these operations. —Reuter.

### ITALIAN ARMY GIVING BATTLE NEAR DESSIE

The Italian northern army in Abyssinia has "turned" and given battle in front of Dessie, according to a despatch from a special correspondent with the South African forces, says Reuter from Johannesburg.

## ITALIANS TURN AND FIGHT ON DESSIE ROAD

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent with the South African Forces in Abyssinia on the Dessie Road)

THE BATTLE FOR DESSIE GOES ON. THE ITALIANS WHO HAVE TURNED AND GIVEN FIGHT ARE SHOWING MOST STUBBORN RESISTANCE SINCE THE BATTLE OF KEREN.

South Africans are fighting in bitter cold at night and in tropical heat by day. Their clothes are torn to shreds by thorn bushes and they are frequently drenched to the skin by torrential thunderstorms.

Through all this they are anxious to get at grips with the remnants of the Italian Northern Army.

The Italians occupy a strong defensive position where a semi-circular mountain ridge commands a straight stretch of road across the plateau.

Italian big guns in concrete emplacements on the top of the saddle back Mountain have poured out a heavy barrage which has cut furrows in the "Victory Way" over which South African troops have been chasing the enemy tearing at breakneck speed back over every hard-won milestone of the 1936 campaign.

Shells whistled overhead while South African guns were rushed ahead in an attempt to silence the enemy batteries. Italian fire

was controlled from Abyssinian posts cleverly concealed among the mountain peaks.

#### Artillery Battle

The battle is developing into a ding-dong artillery duel. Frequent thunderstorms drown the roar of the battle and drench troops to the skin.

A few days ago, one battle was fought at the height of nearly 9,000 feet. The cold was intense.

The difficulties in fighting an almost invisible enemy, strongly entrenched in a country like a scenic railway, may probably slightly delay the Imperial advance but the officers of the Imperial forces are confident that the Italians will be dislodged when their troops are able to get at closer grips. —Reuter.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

DESPITE THE MOST VIOLENT AIR BLITZ UNLEASHED OVER ANY BALKAN BATTLEFIELD, THE ALLIES HAVE COMPLETED A BRILLIANT WITHDRAWAL TO NEW LINES, WHERE THEY ARE FIGHTING VALIANTLY TO STEM THE GENERAL GERMAN OFFENSIVE ON ATHENS.

The Greeks and British, according to a Budapest radio report picked up in New York, have completed the establishment of yet a third line of defence running from the Gulf of Lamia west to the Gulf of Anrakia, about 90 miles long.

## KEEPING ENGLAND GOING

"The war can only be won by keeping the defence of the existing system of Democracy going—and that defence is England."

So President Roosevelt told a press conference at the White House yesterday, adding: "the war cannot be won by one sea-fight or by one retreat in Greece or even in the whole of the Mediterranean."

He replied in the affirmative to a questioner who asked whether he was confident that the defence of England would be kept going.

"Certainly," he said, "there will be no lessening of shipments of war materials to England."

Asked whether the question of convoys now had to be considered, President Roosevelt remarked cryptically that he did not live at Delphi (the place of the legendary Greek Oracle).

He described as "too glittering" a further inquiry as to whether any steps were being undertaken to protect "the bridge of ships." —Reuter.

## MOVE TO TAKE OVER IDLE SHIPS

Legislation authorising the U.S. Government to take over and operate "any foreign vessel lying idle" in United States waters has been introduced by the chairman of the House Merchant Marine Committee.

The legal and international angles of the situation were discussed by the committee at a lengthy secret sitting. —Reuter.

### RED CROSS SHIPS SUNK BY NAZIS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The destruction of a ship bearing a \$120,000 Red Cross relief cargo to Greece, and a four-week silence from a second vessel, carrying a \$2,000,000 Red Cross shipment to Athens, was disclosed in Washington yesterday.

It was the first specific loss of any Red Cross cargo through acts of warfare revealed since the beginning of hostilities.

A Red Cross official said the Greek freighter "Gregoris," loaded with drugs, blankets, clothing and food for discharge at Athens, was lost "somewhere in the south Atlantic three weeks ago."

There was no information whether the ship was sunk by torpedo or mine, he added.

Another Greek freighter, the "Cassandra Louloilis," en route to Athens with a \$2,000,000 Red Cross cargo, had not been heard of for four weeks, the official declared. —International News Service.

#### RAIDS ON MALTA

British fighter planes destroyed an enemy aircraft and probably destroyed another during a raid over Malta on Monday afternoon.

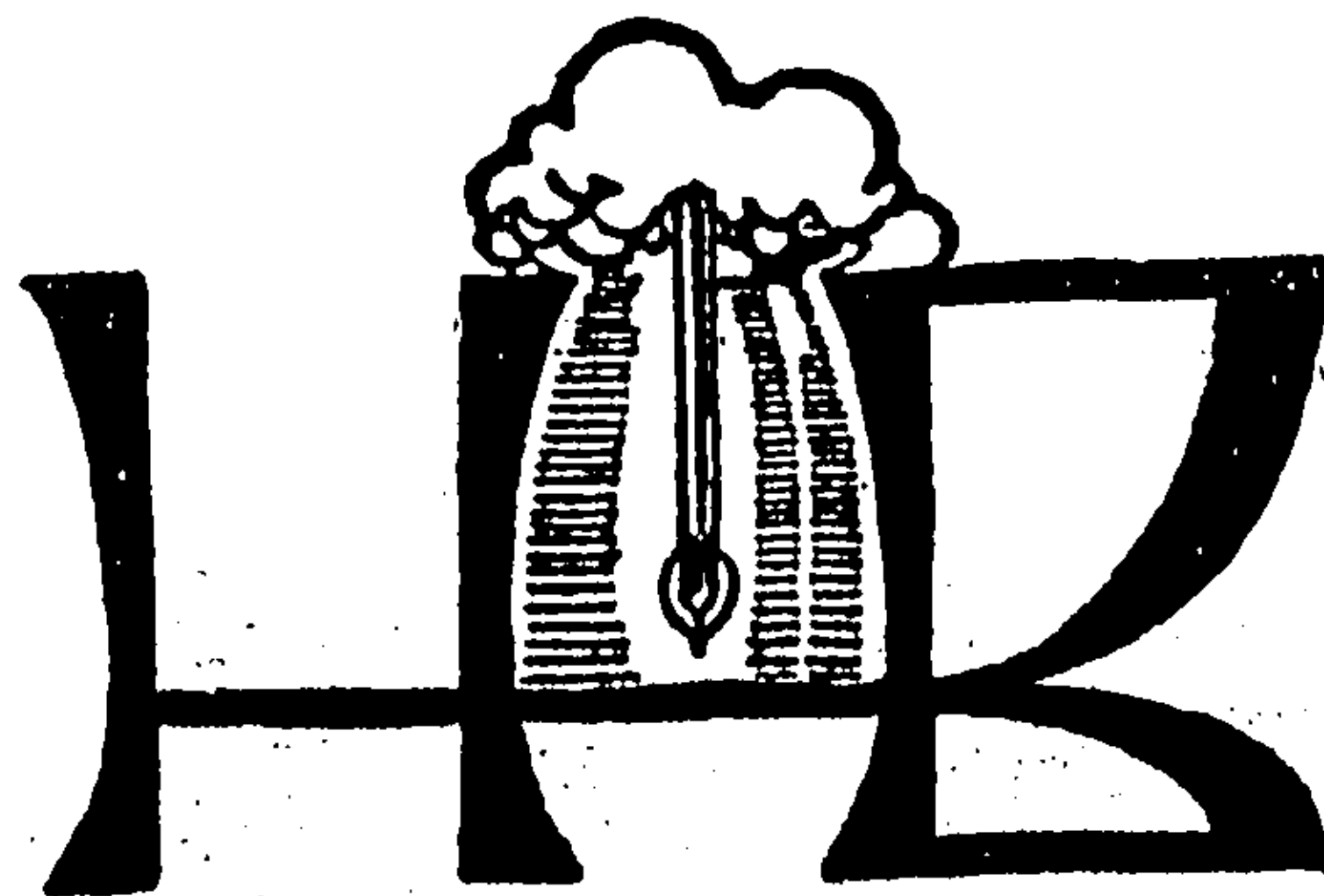
There were two more raids during the night and another "raid" yesterday afternoon, in which bombs were dropped but no serious damage or casualties are reported. —Reuter.

#### Thrilling Stories

Meanwhile, thrilling stories of the heroism of British and Australian troops covering the retirement of the main force to their new lines are coming through slowly.

A unit of Royal Engineers did (Continued on Page 16)

HAVE AN H.B.—



—AND THEN TRY!



# Premier Opposes Requests For Debate On Greek Crisis

## ABILITY TO TAKE ROUGH WITH THE SMOOTH

MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL SAID HE HAD LITTLE TO SAY AT THE PRESENT JUNCTURE WHEN HE WAS INVITED IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY, UPON THE RESUMPTION OF PARLIAMENT AFTER THE EASTER RECESS, TO MAKE A STATEMENT ABOUT THE WAR POSITION.

The Prime Minister pointed out that operations of many kinds were going on "and we have others to think of besides ourselves."

He deprecated any proposal for a debate at present and hoped the House would again show forbearance to those who were charged with the conduct of the war and would display to the world those qualities of poise and steadiness which had been its characteristics on so many difficult and anxious occasions.

Only piece of news Mr. Churchill had was about Monday's bombardment of Tripoli, which lasted 42 minutes and inflicted very heavy damage on the port and shipping in the harbour.

He added that on the way there our naval aircraft intercepted five German bombers, riddled them and shot down four in flames.

"I have not yet heard whether they were full or empty," he added.

The Fleet was not seriously molested and suffered no loss in ships.

### Australian Anxiety

Mr. Hore-Belisha intervened and emphasised that while the House was not desirous of embarrassing operations, urged the necessity for an early debate.

He drew attention to the anxiety expressed in Australia at the lack of authentic news and suggested that Mr. Eden might make a statement on his recent visit to the Middle East.

In the meantime, Mr. Hore-Belisha asked whether it was true that the Germans had occupied Samothrace.

MR. CHURCHILL SAID IT WAS NOT UNLIKELY BUT HE WAS WITHOUT DIRECT INFORMATION.

Mr. Churchill deprecated a statement by Mr. Eden at present because material was not available for presentation of the Government case.

Lord Winterton pressed the question and alluded to the position in Iraq and Spain.

### Not Convenient

Mr. Churchill said it was one for debate on foreign affairs but to have a statement on Mr. Eden's tour at the present moment would not be convenient for the House or in the public interest.

Sir Archibald Southby asked for a statement on Libya because "people are getting exercised in mind, and a statement would reassure them."

Mr. Churchill replied that unlike the situation in Greece, we were very accurately informed about what was occurring in Libya.

At this point, a member interjected "Greece is more important."

### No Comparisons

There was some dissent and the Premier continued: "I don't think we should embark on comparisons among the different classes of dangerous duties undertaken by His Majesty's forces." (Cheers).

He did not, however, think any statement about Libya would be appropriate now or for some little time to come.

Mr. Ernest Shinwell (Lab.) suggested a statement in secret, "to remove some of the uneasiness which exists."

MR. CHURCHILL FLATLY DISAGREED THAT THERE WAS ANY PUBLIC UNEASINESS.

"The public are showing all those qualities of stability and poise when things are not going well which have made us what we are and have carried us thus far on our journey." (Reiter).

## BIRTHDAY PRESENT FOR HITLER

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

"North America's answer to Hitler's birthday celebration," was how Mr. Mackenzie King, Canadian Premier, described the results of his conference with President Roosevelt.

Mr. King also announced that President and Mrs. Roosevelt had promised to visit Ottawa early next month.

Mr. King referred to the statement that Canada and the United States will exchange war material and co-ordinate their defence efforts to speed hemisphere defence and aid Britain.

He described the agreement as "mobilisation of the resources of the Continent to defeat Hitler." International News Service.

## NAVAL SUPPORT URGED

Support of British seapower in the Atlantic is more than necessary for defence of the western hemisphere, writes Walter Lippmann, the American columnist.

The decision to defend Greenland proves this conclusively. Only reason we are now able to undertake the defence of Greenland is that the British Isles stand unconquered with their navy between Greenland and Hitler's Europe.

Were Britain to fall, Greenland would fall too.

If we are unable to hold the outposts, of which by all odds the greatest is the British Isles, the positions we have to defend will become bases for attack.—Reuter.



The Post Office are employing girl messengers to deliver telegrams in towns and villages in which it is impossible to obtain enough boys. The girls will be attached only to offices where women are employed. Uniform is provided—a winter coat, skirt, felt hat, south-wester, waterproof cape and shoes and gaiters. Photo shows the telegram boy and girl of to-day. (Copyright, Fox).

## SHANGHAI CINEMAS' UNION

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") EMPLOYEES OF SHANGHAI CINEMAS HAVE ORGANISED A UNION AND HAVE MADE DEMANDS FOR AN INCREASE IN WAGES. A SHOWDOWN IN THE DISPUTE IS NEAR.

Commercial Press workers in Shanghai yesterday threatened to strike unless their demands for an increase were granted.

According to the police 36 strikes occurred in Shanghai during March, involving 6,000 workers.—International News Service.

## NEW TAX PLAN KEPT A SECRET

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Republican members of the U. S. House of Representatives Ways and Means Committee yesterday demanded that full information be given the public on the Treasury's drastic proposals to raise \$3,500,000,000 in new taxes. The demand was made after the Democratic Party slapped a gag on the Treasury's proposals, to prevent any member from disclosing the rates taxpayers may have to bear at the beginning of the new fiscal year.—International News Service.



Certain trains of the L.N.E.R. now include a modern buffet car exclusively reserved for serving light refreshments to members of H.M. forces. This new facility is an experiment by the railway in cooperation with the Army Welfare Department, the Salvation Army and Y.M.C.A. It means the troops get buffet service at canteen prices and will be extended if successful. Photo shows a scene in the buffet car on the King's Cross to Edinburgh express. (Copyright, Fox).

## R.A.F. POUNDING AWAY AT NAZIS IN LIBYA

R.A.F. BOMBERS made heavy attacks on Derne, Gazala and aerodromes in Libya on Monday, states an Air Ministry communique recording undiminished activity against enemy positions in which damage and a large number of casualties were inflicted.

Bombs burst among planes aground and fires revealed a number were destroyed. Motor transport concentrations at Bardia and Capuzzo were bombed and machine-gunned and a number of explosions observed among the vehicles.

During patrols R.A.F. fighters encountered Messerschmitts. One rammed an enemy aircraft which crashed. The British plane sustained some damage, but was safely landed by the pilot.

About 10 tons of bombs were dropped from a low altitude on Tripoli harbour in a raid on Sunday night and Monday morning.

Hits were observed on the harbour and military buildings near Karamanli mole. Many large fires were started and these were bombed again to prevent their being extinguished.—Reuter.

## NEW LIGHT ON RUMANIA

Hitler's attitude to General Antonescu, the Rumanian Premier, was referred to by Baron von Killinger, German Ambassador in Bucharest, in an address to the German colony in the Rumanian capital on Hitler's birthday.

According to the Rumanian news agency, Killinger said Antonescu continued to be considered by the Fuehrer and the German people as representative of Rumania, and the Reich would uphold him in his actions "for the good of his country and the maintenance of friendship between Germany and Rumania." There have recently been reports of friction between the Nazi authorities and General Antonescu.—Reuter.

## THE R.A.F.'S TECHNICAL SUPERIORITY

An R.A.F. Middle East bulletin states that the superiority of R.A.F. fighter aircraft over German aircraft of all types, which already has been abundantly demonstrated in Europe, is still proved satisfactorily in the Middle East.

Since the beginning of the year 122 enemy aircraft have been shot down, including 88 used for dive-bombing and carrying highly-trained crews.

German fighters have been shot down with the same regularity as Italian.

Over 50 Messerschmitt 109's and 110's have been destroyed since they appeared on the Middle East front.

The figures are the more remarkable in view of the fact that R.A.F. losses in the first three months of the year were only 62, and in a great many cases the pilots were saved.—Reuter.

## ST. LAWRENCE POWER PROJECT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

In a further move to solidify joint United States-Canadian defence efforts, President Roosevelt is expected to deliver a special message to Congress in a few days urging all possible speed in approving the St. Lawrence power project.—International News Service.



# GERMAN DIPLOMATIC OFFENSIVE

## Trying To Cash In On Advance In The Balkans

### Pressure Upon Vichy And Madrid

(By Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent)

**THERE HAS BEEN A REMARKABLE RE-CRUDESCENCE OF GERMANY'S DIPLOMATIC OFFENSIVE IN THE PAST FEW DAYS WHICH SUGGESTS THAT SHE IS TRYING TO CASH IN AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE ON HER SUCCESSES IN THE BALKANS AND LIBYA.**

It is all part of the war of nerves in the use of which the Germans have shown themselves very expert.

Their diplomatic activities extend from Moscow to Madrid and east and west of the Mediterranean. The same policy, although German plans seem to have taken more concrete shape in the West where both Vichy and Madrid are being expected to play a part in German propaganda.

In the east both German Ambassadors from Moscow and Ankara have been summoned to Berlin so until they return to their posts German pressure may not be fully exerted.

IN VICHY, HOWEVER, THERE IS REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THE GERMAN THREAT HAS COME TO PUT HIS CARDS ON THE TABLE.

#### Offers To France

Reports received from various channels concern an outline of conditions offered to France but are more reticent as to German demands in exchange for these concessions, which would include reduced payment of expenses for the German troops of occupation, release of a quarter of the total number of war prisoners, and rectification of the frontier between occupied and unoccupied France.

But there is nothing definite as to the other side of the picture except of rumours of the right of passage of troops to Spain.

#### Chief Concern

It is obvious, however, that Germany's chief concern is still the fleet and French naval bases in the Mediterranean, and these questions in one shape or other must underlie any deal between Otto Abetz and Admiral Darlan who is reported to be going to Paris once again.

Madrid, according to these same channels of German inspiration, is being once again pressed to join the Axis and allow the passage of German troops to assault Gibraltar.

The Germans apparently feel the time has come to make a big effort to close this, and of course the Mediterranean, and establish air and submarine bases on our lines of communication to the Cape and South America. — Reuter.

### HEROINES OF THE HOSPITALS

Sterling deeds of heroism among bombed hospitals were legion, the Health Minister, Mr. Ernest Brown, declared addressing a Mansion House Hospitals Day meeting in London yesterday.

Mr. Brown told "the simple but wonderful" story of a hospital telephone girl.

Though lying pinned under debris she carried on her duties

### British Empire Medal

"The British Empire Medal," as a military and civil award, has been instituted as an amendment of the statutes of the Order of the British Empire, promulgated in the London Gazette last night.

The medal will be of silver, bearing on the obverse a representation of Britannia and the motto of the Order with the words, "For Meritorious Service" and on the reverse the Royal and Imperial cypher and the words, "Instituted by King George the Fifth."

The new medal takes the place of the medal of the Order that was abolished when the George Cross was instituted. — Reuter.

### MATSUOKA ON JAPAN'S POLICY OF PEACE

MR. MATSUOKA, THE Japanese Foreign Minister, declared to Japanese pressmen in Tokyo yesterday that "it should be quite clear that Japan is following a peaceful policy."

"The United States is posing as the champion of peace. If that is so I am sure that Americans will recognise Japan's peaceful policy once America understands our true intentions."

Asked as to future diplomatic developments centring round the conclusion of the Neutrality Treaty with the Soviet, Mr. Matsuoka sidestepped the question by saying: "I am not in a position to say anything beyond what has been announced, especially as to future developments. I leave it to you to make your own comment."

and dealt with 122 calls while in that position. Mr. Brown declared Hitler's campaign of terrorism would always fall against people who stick to their duty, a job to be done, whatever may happen. — Reuter.

### HITLER MESSAGE TO PETAIN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

It was reported in Vichy yesterday that Hitler has sent a personal message to Marshal Petain offering "intensive collaboration" as a possible prelude to permanent peace.

Simultaneously it was rumoured that Pierre Laval may be restored to the Government soon as a member of a partially reconstituted Cabinet.

Informed Berlin quarters declared that "while Laval's return to the Vichy Cabinet would undoubtedly be desirable, all speculations on such a possibility at present are untimely."

It is noted that the collaboration rumours followed the two-day Cabinet meeting in Madrid, leading to the belief that Spain's role in the war may soon be more clearly defined, with implications affecting Gibraltar.

As part of the projected closer Franco-German cooperation Hitler is said to have offered to release and return 500,000 war prisoners, mostly farmers, to France. International News Service.

### \$2,000,000 JEWEL HAUL IN SHANGHAI

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Jewels worth \$2,000,000 were stolen from Madame Garnett's dressmaking shop in the Cathay Hotel in Shanghai over the week-end.

A Chinese servant acknowledged his guilt in a letter received yesterday by Madame Garnett, who is the wife of L. Riggio, Shanghai's Fascist leader. International News Service.

### BANK EMPLOYEES LEAVING JOBS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The crisis facing the four Chungking banks in Shanghai continues to be grave as more employees of the banks quit for safer jobs, despite the Chungking Government assurance that no date has yet been set for reopening of the banks.

Business circles express pessimism over the future outlook. International News Service.

### MARSHAL PETAIN'S ATTITUDE

German relations with Spain and with the Vichy Government are being closely watched in Zurich.

The Berlin correspondent of the "Neue Zürcher Zeitung" calls attention to the increasingly anti-British tendency of the Spanish press. This, he says, is being followed in Berlin "with the greatest interest although official circles so far have declined to make any comment."

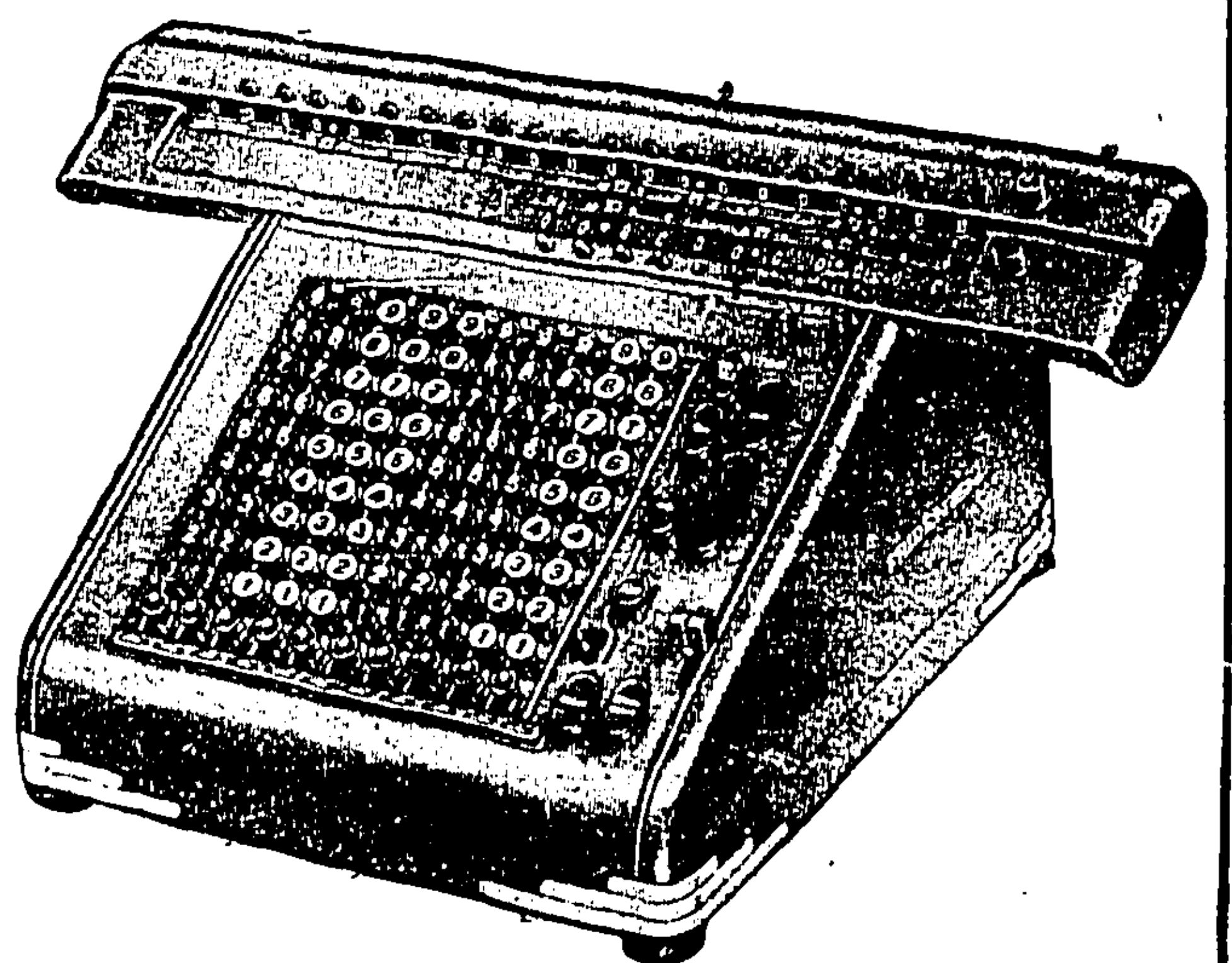
NOTHING IS KNOWN IN ZURICH OF ANY GERMAN PROPOSALS FOR PASSAGE OF GERMAN TROOPS THROUGH UNOCCUPIED FRANCE AND SPAIN, BUT IT IS BELIEVED THAT THEY ARE ANXIOUS TO SECURE GENERAL WEYGAND'S RECALL, REGARDING HIM AS THE OBSTACLE TO THEIR HOPES OF USING FRENCH NORTH AFRICAN PORTS AS BASES FOR MILITARY OPERATIONS.

Meanwhile, Franco-German industrial cooperation is being tightened by the grant of many orders to French firms for war material and other goods for Germany.

Whatever Admiral Darlan's inclinations may be, however, there is no evidence that Marshal Petain has altered his standpoint of refusing any military or naval concessions to Germany which might involve France in war with Britain. — Reuter.

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# INDIA'S FUTURE: IN WAR, IN PEACE AND IN FREEDOM

INDIA COULD PRODUCE 2,000,000 FIGHTING MEN, SAID MR. L. S. AMERY, SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INDIA, SPEAKING IN THE DEBATE IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY ON INDIA.

Unfortunately, he added, that was not enough. He pointed out that the Yugoslav army, "a million of the bravest soldiers in the world," was scattered and broken by the armoured divisions of German foresight and determination on war — while we, in our self-delusion, allowed the locusts to eat precious years we were now trying to retrieve for ourselves and India.

In these matters India was dependent upon us and upon America also and could only slowly make good what ought to have been made good in previous years.

Every effort was being made in that direction. The establishment in India of the Eastern Group Supply Council and a central provision depot for all theatres of war in that part of the world was important now and might be of immense consequence if the war developed in certain directions which we could not foresee.

## India's Freedom

India's speedy attainment of the fullest measure of freedom is desired by all parties in Britain, declared Mr. Amery, but he emphasised "It is for Indian statesmen to find that measure of agreement which is indispensable if we on our side are to make our further contribution towards completion of our own task in India, a task of joining with them in crowning peace and unity with freedom."

Mr. Amery was submitting resolutions which were passed unanimously, extending for another 12 months the proclamations issued under the India Act, empowering the governor of a province to assume the powers vested in the provincial authorities if he was satisfied a situation had arisen in which parliamentary government could not carry on in accordance with the Act.

He recalled that this situation arose in October, 1939, owing to the action of the Congress executive in ordering Congress ministries to resign.

## Provincial Government

He reminded the House that these resolutions concerned Assam, Sind and the Punjab, with a population of about 100,000,000 people—one-third of the whole population of British India — provincial self-government continued to work uninterruptedly under composite governments, including Moslem and Hindu ministers.

Referring to the civil disobedience campaign, Mr. Amery said that on the whole the movement had proceeded languidly without evoking much popular interest except in the United Provinces, which in recent months had contributed more than half the offences.

By the middle of March some 7,000 offenders were convicted, of whom some 5,000 were still in prison. The whole business was regrettable but Government had no alternative but to enforce the law.—Reuter.

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## SIKHS URGED TO JOIN THE COLOURS

THE ESTABLISHMENT OF TWO PREPARATORY CENTRES TO TRAIN SIKH YOUTHS FOR COMMISSIONS IN THE INDIAN DEFENCE FORCES WAS RESOLVED YESTERDAY BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE KHALSA DEFENCE OF INDIA LEAGUE AT PATIALA.

The Maharajah of Patiala, presiding, said that Khalsa (Sikhs) must join the colours in thousands and uphold the noble and heroic traditions of the Sikhs.

He added it was a rare opportunity for Sikhs to march forward and prove their worth to India and the Empire.—Reuter.

## PROPOSED U.S. TAX BILL APPROVED

The U.S. House of Representatives Ways and Means Committee yesterday voted in favour of the Treasury's proposed Tax Bill to raise \$3,500,000,000 in new revenue during the next fiscal year.—Reuter.

## STRIKE SITUATION IN U.S.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT HAS ASKED MINERS AND OPERATORS TO REOPEN IMMEDIATELY THE BITUMINOUS COAL MINES CLOSED BY STRIKES SINCE APRIL 1.

Meanwhile the Detroit State Labour Mediation Board has decided that the threatened strike in the General Motors Corporation must be postponed another 25 days, owing to national defence work.

The United Automobile Workers recently set to-day as the deadline.—International News Service.

## Negotiations Open

Southern coal-owners have agreed to restart negotiations with United Mineworkers for resumption of work following the appeal by President Roosevelt.

The President appealed for the immediate reopening of the soft coal mines, which have been shut for weeks by strike, in the public interest.—Reuter.

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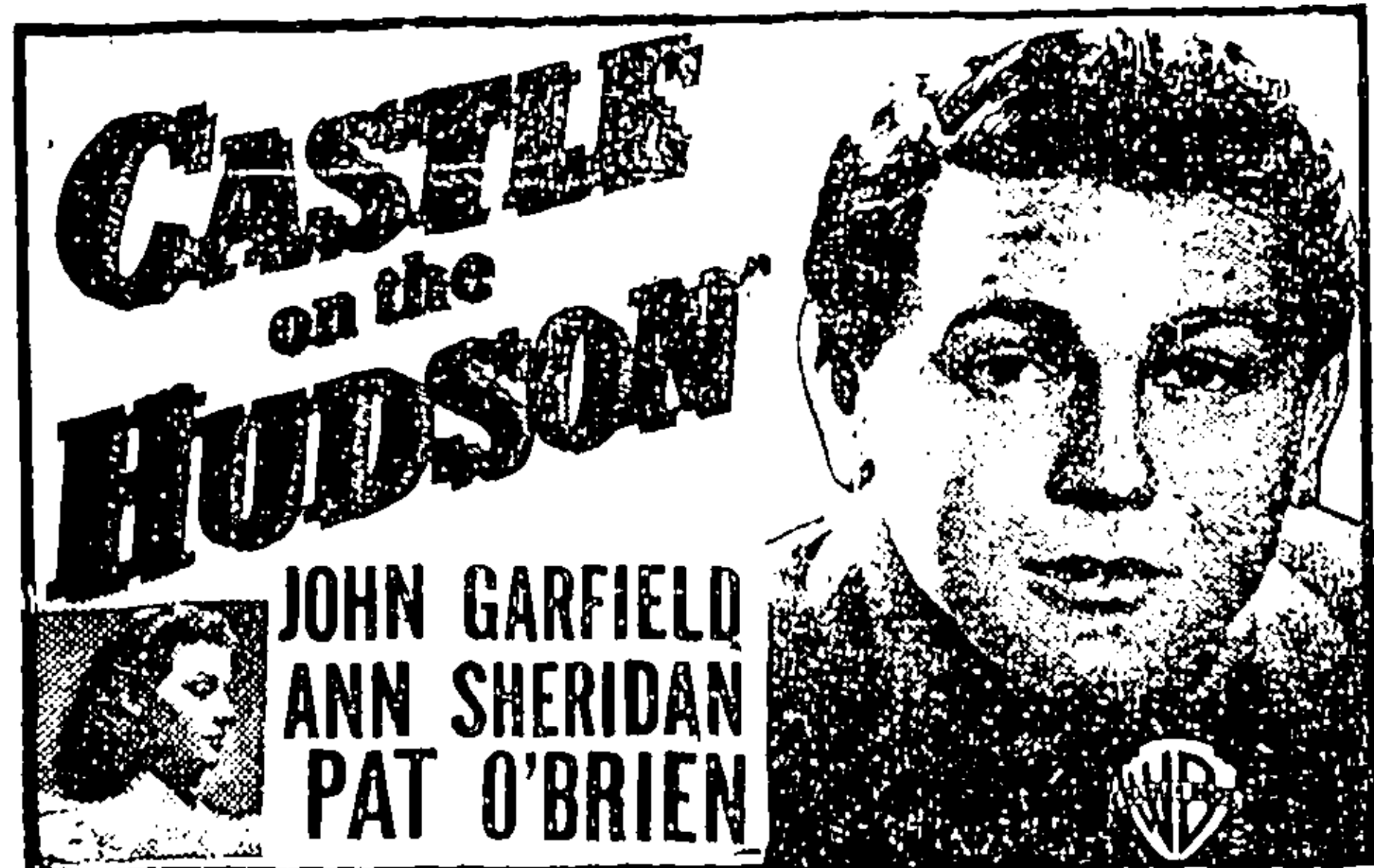
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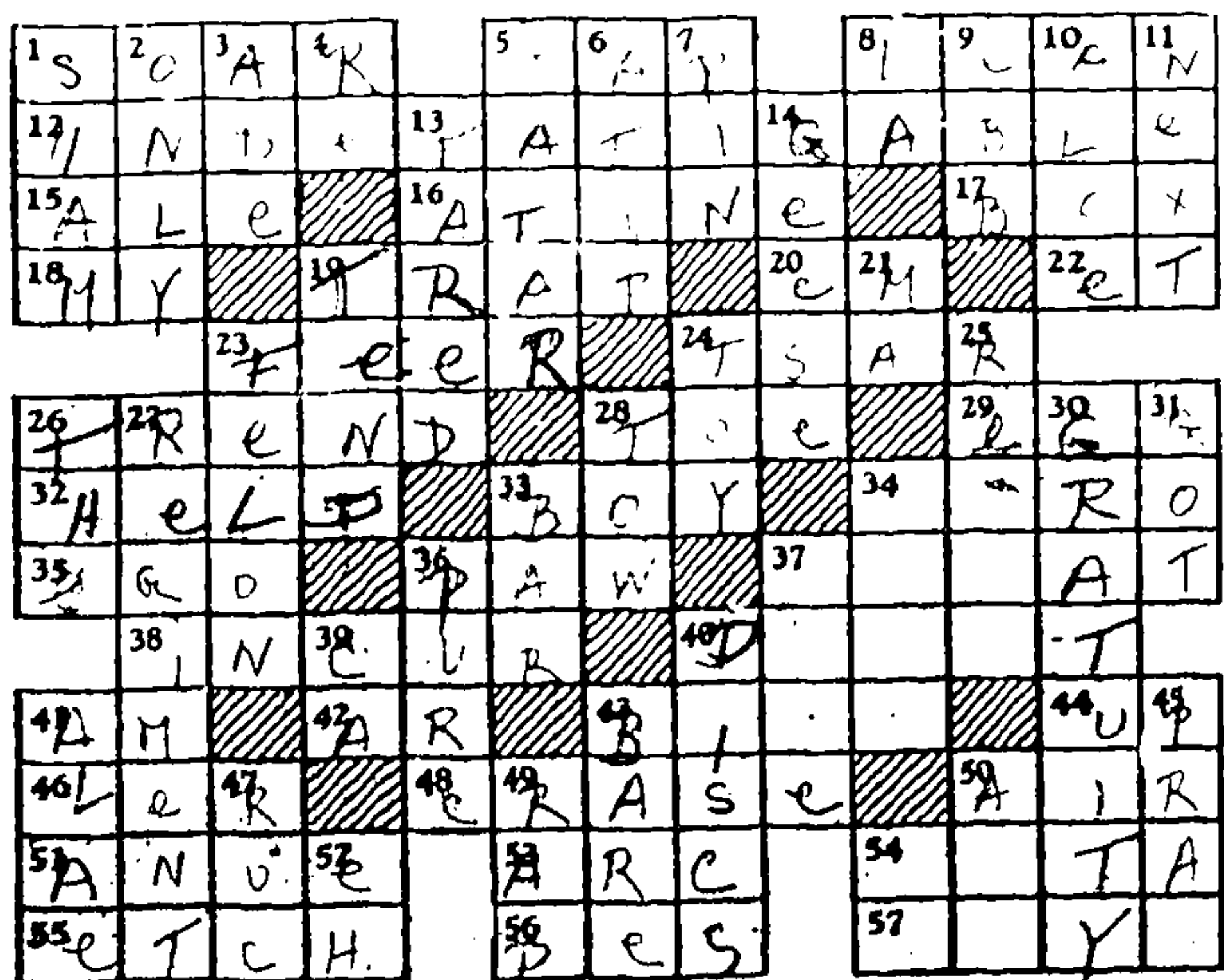


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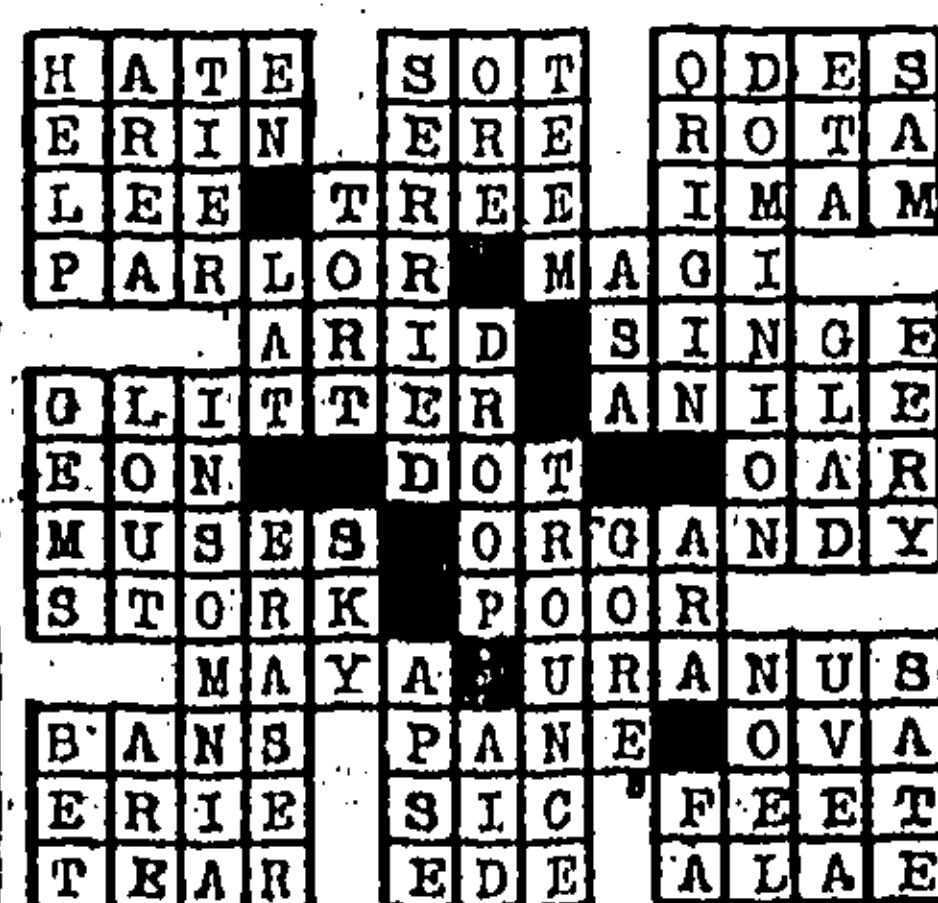
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- 1 To glide
- 5 Faucet
- 8 To depend
- 12 Treeless
- 15 Beverage
- 16 To make amends
- 17 To spar
- 18 Possessive pronoun
- 19 Snare
- 20 Printer's measure
- 22 Latin conjunction
- 23 Timidity
- 24 Former ruler
- 26 Tendency
- 28 Digit
- 29 Ovum
- 32 Retained
- 33 Male child
- 34 River in Spain
- 35 The self
- 36 Animal's foot
- 37 Fold
- 38 To contract
- 40 Allotted
- 41 Part of "to be"
- 42 Land measure
- 43 Part of a clarinet
- 44 Above
- 46 Gaelic sea-god
- 48 To rub out

VERTICAL

- 1 Asiatic kingdom
- 2 Just
- 3 Fruit drink
- 4 Note of scale
- 5 Mongol
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YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



**O'GRADY NOT TO DIE**

Mrs. O'Grady, forty-two-year-old British housewife, who was sentenced to death at Hampshire Assizes for treachery, has successfully appealed. The convictions on the capital charges under the Treachery Act and the death sentence were quashed, but she was sentenced to fourteen years' penal servitude on other counts.

Her husband, L.C.C. fireman and ex-sailor, who was dismayed and astonished when he heard of the charges against his wife, was present at her appeal.

He was present at the Central Criminal Court, and when it was decided to hear the appeal in camera an application for Mr. O'Grady to be admitted was granted.

While she was in prison on remand, Mrs. O'Grady had refused to see her husband, Dorothy Pamela O'Grady, of Sandown, Isle of Wight, was present in the dock to hear the arguments in support of her appeal. She answered her name in a quiet, steady voice.

**Nine Charges**

At the conclusion of the judgment which was delivered in court, Lord Caldecote announced, in open court:

"The conviction on the two capital charges under the Treachery Act has been quashed, and sentence has been passed by the Court on charges on which the appellant was convicted, but on which the Judge passed no sentence."

"This Court has passed a sentence of fourteen years' penal servitude on the counts other than those under the Treachery Act."

It had been alleged that Mrs. O'Grady, in the Isle of Wight, made a plan likely to be of assistance to the military operations of the enemy, and that, with intent to help the enemy, she cut a military telephone wire.

She answered nine charges under the Treachery Act, the Official Secrets Act and the Defence Regulations.

**CAN OPERATE IN THE STREET**

An old London bus has been taken over and converted for use as a mobile hospital at Hove, Sussex, where day and night it is standing by ready for raids.

Dr. N. E. Chadwick, the Medical Officer of Hove, told a reporter:

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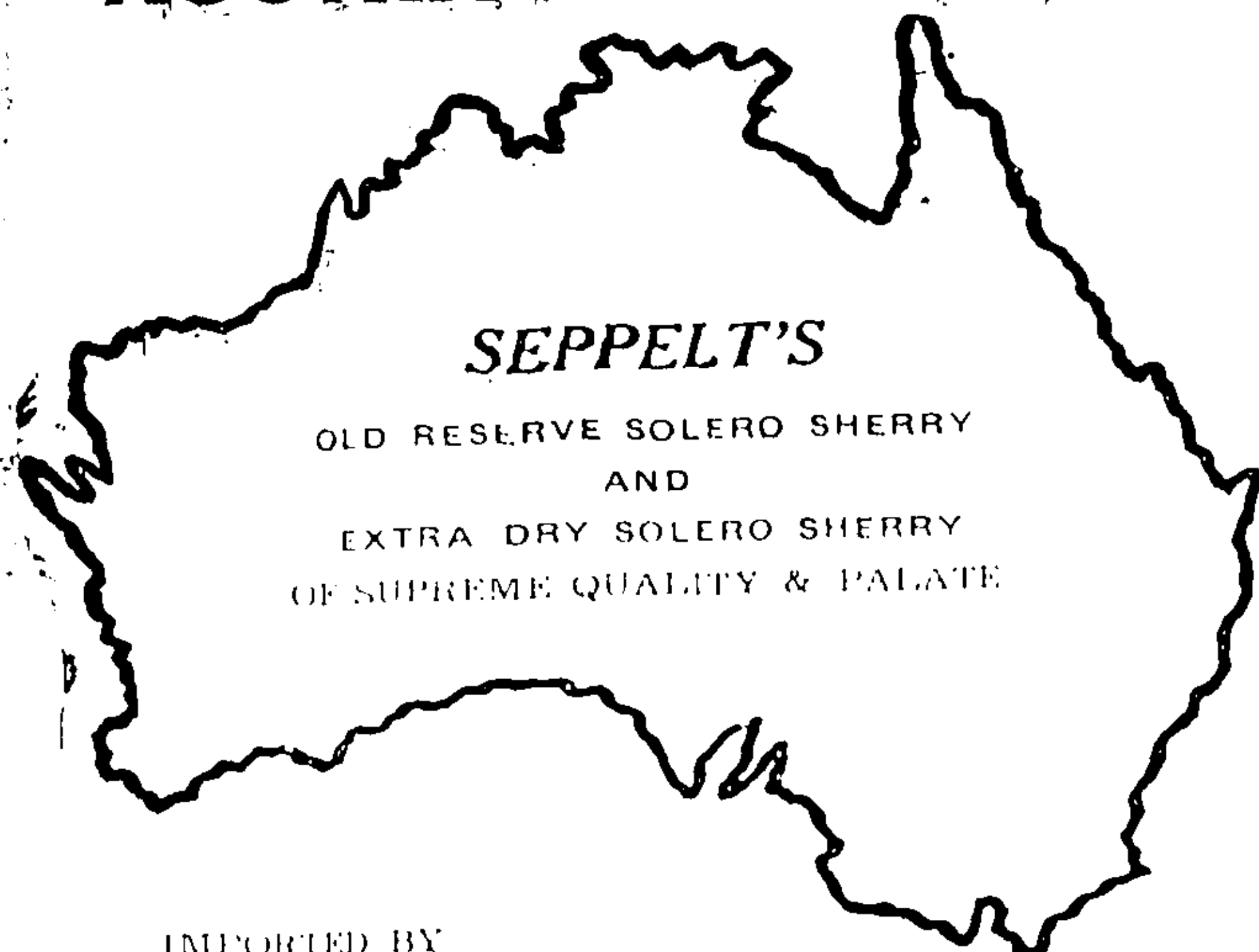
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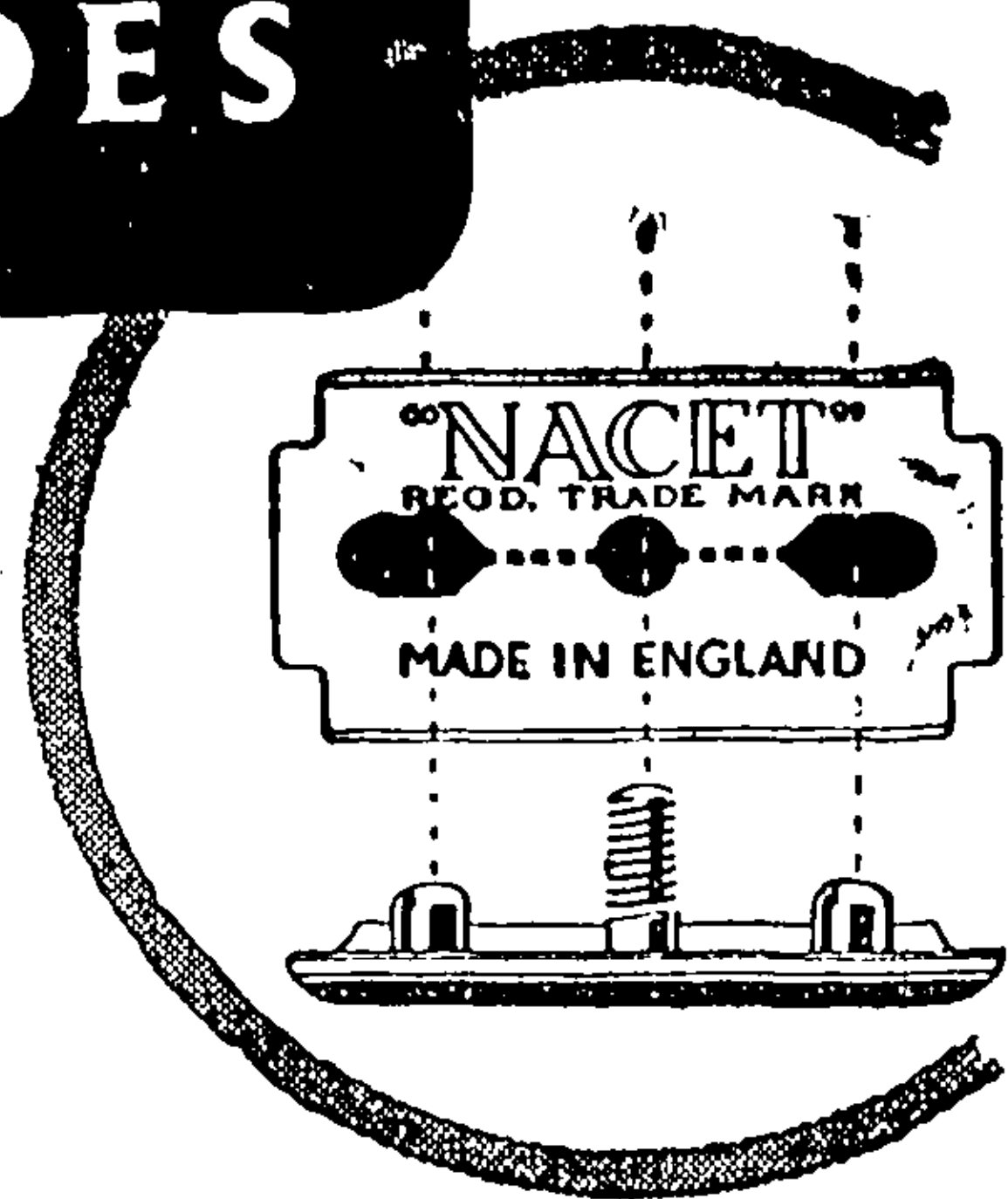


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Jean Arthur not only wields a 20-foot bull-whip during the course of "Arizona," her new starring film coming to the King's Theatre on Friday, but also drives an eight-horse team, as this scene shows. The Wesley Ruggles' drama for Columbia presents the star as a dauntless pioneer woman in lawless Old Tucson. William Holden heads the featured cast.

## ABYSSINIANS HAND OVER TOWN TO US

NATIVE BOYS, PROUDLY CARRYING ABANDONED ITALIAN RIFLES AND BANDOLIERS, GREETED A BRITISH OFFICER AS HE "OCCUPIED" THE NORTH-WESTERN ABYSSINIA TOWN OF ADI REMOZ. THE STORY WAS TOLD BY THE OFFICER HIMSELF.

He has just returned to the Sudan after taking over control of 5,000 square miles of the Abyssinian provinces of Wolkait and Togade.

The officer entered Abyssinia to check reports that the Italians were evacuating the region. "Before I had gone ten miles," he said, "I was greeted by a delegation of chiefs, who asked me to go to Adi Remoz, which the Italians had just left."

### People Cheer

"At every village we went through, our khaki-camouflaged British cars were greeted by cheering, singing and stamping phillabants, while priests held up our passage and blessed us with their ornate silver crosses."

"At Adi Remoz we were welcomed with cups of Tej (Abyssinian honey wine) and dishes of chopped raw meat, which the Abyssinians love. "All the notables I contacted freely recognised the Emperor's authority, and before leaving I appointed one of them to take charge."

### Fascists Shot

For weeks these chiefs had been corresponding with the Emperor, and before the Italian garrison even got out of the town weapons which they had left behind were turned on them.

Two blackshirts were shot in the streets, and 55 along the route of their flight.

Every Abyssinian male from the age of ten upwards was armed to the teeth with abandoned weapons, the officer added.

In their panic flight the Italians abandoned thousands of rounds of ammunition.

## PILOT V.C., BOMBED BRIDGE, IS KILLED

Flying Officer Donald E. Garland, one of the two officers whose gallantry in destroying a bridge over the Albert Canal in Belgium was recognised by the award of the V.C., is now reported as presumed killed in action. He was previously reported missing.

The award, which was the second V. C. of the war, was made in June.

Flying Officer Garland led the formation, all the crews of which had volunteered to attack the bridge, and much of the success of the operation was attributed to him and to his navigator, Sergeant T. Gray, upon whom the V. C. was conferred at the same time.

## SHOOT THE LOOTERS

Flogging for a first looting offence, shooting for a second conviction. This punishment for looters is advocated by a writer in the "Review," weekly paper of the British police.

"And if this seems too drastic," says the writer, "I would point out that by taking advantage of their already overburdened fellows, such criminals are as guilty of breaking all the laws of human decency as the Nazis we are fighting against, and in sheer self-preservation they should be treated just as drastically."

Every blitzed town has already had its quota of looters and bogus bomb victims says the writer.

## BRITISH SEIZE SHIP BARBER

British officials at Bermuda boarded the American liner Ex-cambion and removed the ship's barber, Oscar Richard Stabler, on suspicion of espionage.

Stabler is German born but was naturalised as an American in 1933.—Reuter.

## DAUGHTER OF P.C. WEDS PEER'S HEIR

Captain the Hon. Ralfe Evans-Freke, brother and heir presumptive of the tenth Baron Carbery, has married secretly Miss Dorothy May Surrey, twenty-four-year-old daughter of a Chelmsford war auxiliary policeman. She was formerly secretary of a company of which he was managing director.

The marriage, which took place at Devizes on January 19, has only just been announced.

The captain told a reporter that he proposed by phone on Christmas Day.

They first met eight or nine years ago, when Captain Evans-Freke went to live a flat over a tobacconist and confectionery shop in Chelmsford High Street belonging to his company.

### "Felt Lonely"

Her father said: "They decided to keep it secret because Captain Evans-Freke did not want a lot of publicity. That is why no Chelmsford friends were invited to the wedding."

Captain Evans-Freke, who is forty-four, married in 1919 Miss Harrington Moore and in 1929 Miss Phyllis Thorpe who had been his typist.

Captain Evans-Freke said: "I have known my wife for eight years. After the dissolution of my second marriage I felt lonely, and my thoughts turned towards my old friend, Miss Surrey."

## NEW STAY-ON ARMY BUTTON

[BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT]  
Experiments are being made with plastic buttons to be used instead of the brass ones on battle-dress.

Soldiers complain that the sharpened holes of brass buttons cut the thread after a few weeks' wear and the buttons come off.

"And the girl-friend's not always handy to sew them on," they say, remembering that a battle-dress has more than thirty brass buttons.

The new plastic buttons have smooth holes which will not cut the thread.

"We are considering changing over to them," the War Office told me.

## ADULTS GIVE CHILDREN "NERVES"

Where children's nerves have been upset by the strain of war-time life, it is generally a reflection of the condition of adults in the family.

This view is expressed in reports from Board of Education officers, said Mr. Chuter Ede, Parliamentary Secretary to the Board, speaking at Carshalton, Surrey.

Children's nerves, and health had stood up astonishingly well.

## SEIZED FRENCH 'PLANE, FLEW TO BRITAIN

A YOUNG FRENCH air mechanic who wants to join the R.A.F. armed himself with a revolver, seized a seven-passenger cabin 'plane at an airfield in occupied France, and flew it to England. A.A. guns fired at him as he crossed the coast, but he landed on a bumpy field about 100 yards from a farm at Tregantle, Cornwall.

The first man he met was a and took him away to be questioned.

The young man said he was fed up with living under German rule, and tried to get to England in July. He stole a 'plane then, but had engine trouble, and was forced to land again in France.

The machine in which he reached Cornwall is a scarlet-upholstered luxury model, and hundreds of sightseers have come to the farm at Tregantle to see it.



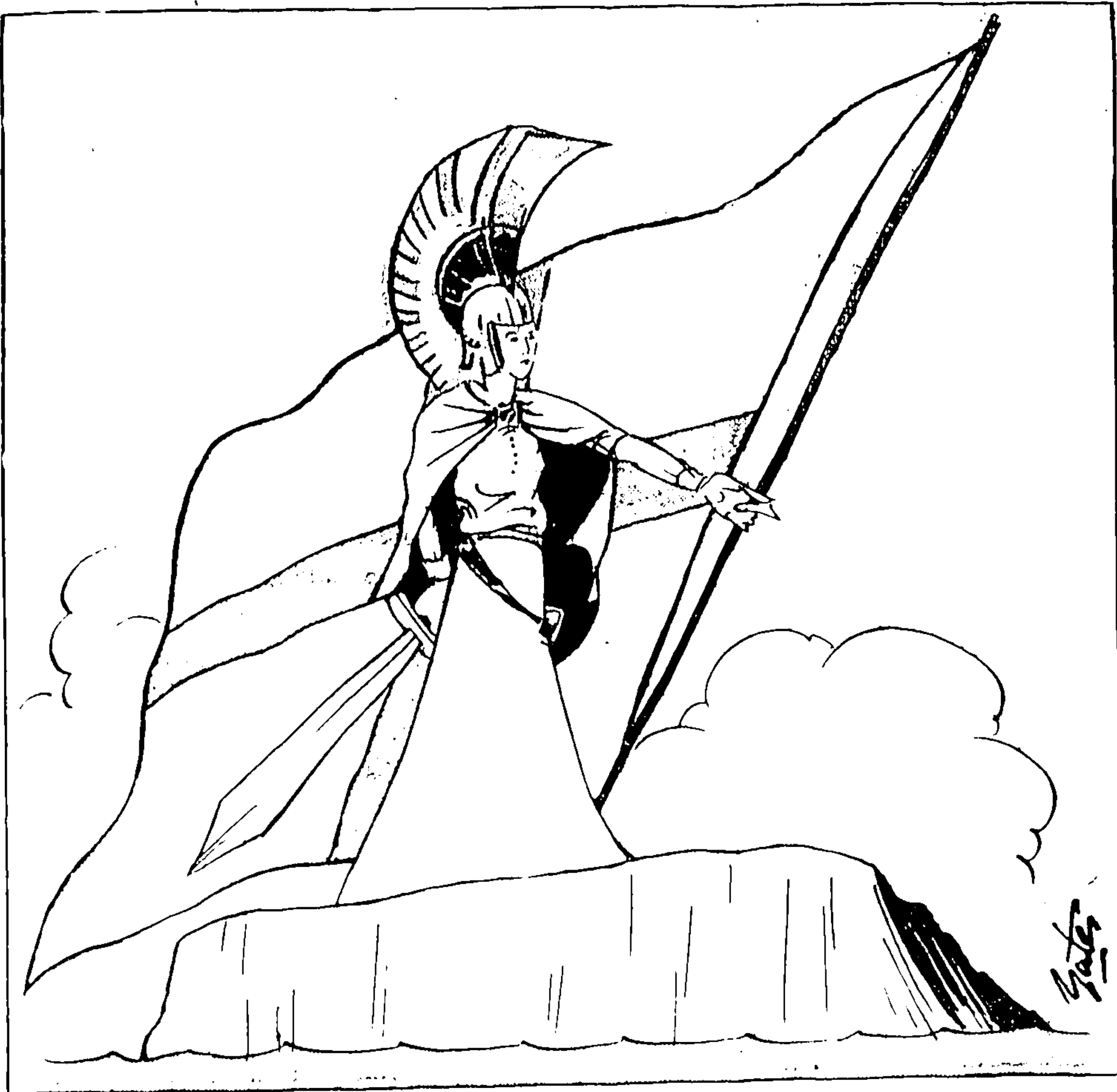
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## FELINE CONSCRIPTS

Among the "devices" suggested to the British Air Ministry for overcoming the menace of night raiders is the inclusion of a cat in the crew of every British night fighter. According to the inventive citizen who advanced the idea, the gunner's duty would be the relatively simple one of keeping his eye on the cat and shooting in the direction in which it happened to look. We all know, of course, that a cat can look at a king, but—and here a weakness of the proposal obtrudes—is there any certainty that it could be induced to look at a German? Assuming, however, that any feline fastidiousness on this score could be overcome, there is much to be said for the scheme. For one thing, it would provide a crushing answer to those niggardly critics who now begrudge domestic cats their food on the ground that they contribute nothing to the war effort; it would solve the problem of superfluous kittens (for a constant stream of recruits would be needed); and, above all, it would demonstrate to Hitler that Britain is prepared to exceed even his limits in the mobilisation of national energy. But there is, unfortunately, another side to the matter. "When the cat is away, the mice (to say nothing of the rats) will play," and these rodents, being notoriously concerned with sabotage, would think nothing of seizing an advantage should their natural enemies be detailed for military duties. It would, therefore, appear to be necessary for some other bright inventor to apprise the British authorities of an effective stratagem for coping with a situation so fraught with potential loss and annoyance to the populace, before the conscription of cats could be considered feasible.

## RUMANIAN CIVIL WAR

Russia is alleged to have a hand in the Rumanian disorders though the facts rather suggest that the Gestapo knows far more about the course of events than the Kremlin. The Government of General Antonescu is unsatisfactory to the Nazis because it is losing touch with the Rumanian people. It is not able to inspire them to give their whole-hearted efforts to the "new order." The Third Reich needs puppets that can keep their peoples in line.



"THERE'LL ALWAYS BE AN ENGLAND."

# The Man Who Refuses To Die

If I were asked to name a man in these islands, who, by action and philosophy is the epitome of the beleaguered British race in war time, I would unhesitatingly say that man was Winston Churchill.

In times of peace and repose, half a dozen names might occur to one for a selection for in a country like England where a man may say and do pretty well anything without reasonable limitations, the leaders of every political party have a right to be considered the leaders of this nation in greater or lesser degree; but not so at a time when the people of Great Britain are fighting perhaps the last decisive battle of their civilisation.

It is, therefore, no small tribute to the greatness of this man that he is universally acclaimed as the undisputed leader, to steer the course to safety in days of such national gravity here.

Mr. Churchill's career is epitome of the people amongst whom I live here, because no man of our time has had so much success, so much political buffeting. His triumphs have not been unmixt with failure; and yet he has the singular capacity of profiting by his successes, and the wisdom to live down his failures.

The remarkable fact is that he has never allowed himself "to be broken" by the adversity which has occasionally befallen his political career; and that, in common parlance, is the secret of his success.

After entering Parliament, Mr. Churchill was President of the Board of Trade, Home Secretary, First Lord of the Admiralty, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, Minister of Munitions, Colonial Secretary, Secretary for Air, Secretary for War, and Chancellor of the Exchequer; First Lord again, and then to-day Prime Minister.

During the last war, the Conservatives, who welcome him as their leader now, demanded his removal from the Admiralty. He went to France to serve, and later won back his way to eminence as the Minister of Munitions.

Even electors rejected him twice on the collapse of the Coalition Government of 1922, and yet he

was soon invited to become Chancellor of the Exchequer.

During the time when the economic depression laid heavy hands upon Britain, the National Government did not dream of including him; and although still in the political wilderness, he refused to admit defeat and fought against the Government's programme for India and Disarmament.

**By Sirdar  
Ikbal Ali Shah**

such "political mistakes" from which in ordinary times there is no forgiveness.

Yet Mr. Churchill's pen was ever active, his tongue never silent. He spoke in the name of England and ignored his critics and rivals.

He did this because he is quite obviously and devoutly sincere about his country, and will stick to the fight, throwing into it his heart and soul. There is no turning back with Mr. Churchill.

If he were of the philosophy of victory-or-death, heroes, his career would have ended long ago. Nor is he of those who, "run away to fight another day", but something in between these two conceptions.

I feel I am right in defining his attitude of mind as sincerity for the service of his race. The baffling thing is that his is no blind patriotism as of one who would say "My country, right or wrong," for that would be more in keeping with Germanic doctrines.

It is a genuine desire to see his people enjoy that which is their legitimate due; their rightful place under the sun.

To these qualities his gifts of writing and speech making should be added. Before the War of 1914-1918 when he went to Dundee to address his constituents, the fish-wives and factory girls mobbed him in sheer happiness,

so a Scottish friend told me, for he had spoken to them just of those matters dearest to the heart of the humbler folk of Scotland.

When I first heard him in London some years ago, every word which he spoke may have been unacceptable to me, but I could not help joining in the enthusiastic acclamation with which he sank back into his chair on the dais, for the man was brutally frank and objectively sincere. He was warning his countrymen of the perils to the Empire.

Such, therefore, is Mr. Churchill, the descendant of the Great Duke of Marlborough — Marlborough, the greatest military genius of his time. Like his grand-sire, Churchill is a fighter to the bitter end.

This does not mean that he is the greatest fighter, but it does mean something which is perhaps equally as great, that is, he has the capacity to survive the hardest blows, to keep on giving back hard knocks, and of never being completely knocked out.

No species of life is a greater adversary than one which refuses to be killed, but persists in doggedly holding on to the bitter end.

The whole course of his actions ever since he has taken up the reins of the Government during this war proves that he has enthused this country with something of his own philosophy; or it may be that that faculty was always there in his countrymen, and he has merely reclaimed them to their true heritages.

Never, therefore, was a truer thing said than this: that a country gets the government it deserves. England has the leader she deserves — a fighter to the end, who is ready to give as good as he gets.

When the thunder of the guns, and the dust of bombed houses is no more, you will still find Mr. Churchill, albeit with bandaged head and bleeding jaw, shaking a clenched fist at the enemy; for he is not of the "dying-kind", nor will he let his people lie down and do nothing. He will lead them on, and he who fights longest must win in the end.

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# ITALIAN PLAN FOR A ROYAL DICTATORSHIP

(From A Special Correspondent)

A ROYAL DICTATORSHIP with Marshal Badoglio, the former Italian Chief of Staff, as its executive head is being advocated in some Fascist circles as the only possible solution to Italy's difficulties.

Reports reaching me from many different sources leave no doubt that a growing volume of influential opinion, including party leaders, is pressing for peace at any price.

Many are hoping that the United States will open a way whereby Italy may conclude a separate peace with Britain. Such hopes are partly based on the strong Embassy staff which the Americans now have in Rome.

Contrasting this with the small United States representation in Berlin, some Italians believe that America is preparing to deal with the situation which would arise should peace moves materialise.

The terms of President Roosevelt's New Year message to the King of Italy, in which he expressed the hope that "the Italian people may be enabled to enjoy the blessings of a righteous peace in the coming year," are recalled as another pointer in the same direction.

## Ciano On King's Side

Ciano, the Foreign Minister, who recently rejoined his bombing squadron, is believed to be among those who would be found at the King's side should Musso-

lini fall. He has from the first been critical of the German alliance, and his antipathy was increased by the scant respect with which he was treated by Hitler and Ribbentrop at their various meetings.

Nor has Ciano ever shared his father-in-law's conviction of the "effectiveness" of the democracies, and the Libyan campaign has given him the grim satisfaction of having been proved wiser than the Duce.

But Ciano, as far as can be learned, has not yet declared himself as an advocate of a separate peace. He is preparing to meet whatever course events may take and is therefore maintaining close private contacts with the Royal entourage and with Marshal Badoglio.

## Duce Might Turn Over

While to most people a Royal dictatorship seems the best solution, shrewd foreign observers do not rule out the possibility that Mussolini himself might make a sudden volte face and smash the Axis alliance.

The Duce has his finger constantly on the pulse of party feeling, and is well aware of the growing peace movement. It is not beyond the bounds of possibility that when this movement reaches a point when it threatens his own position, Mussolini may himself sponsor it.

The existence of the all-pervading Fascist party organisation is a factor which must be taken into consideration by the advocates of breaking the German alliance and concluding a separate peace.

The structure of the State depends so largely on the party that even some of those who regard Mussolini as completely discredited would accept peace leadership at his hands rather than disrupt the party.

Meanwhile, public discontent with the conduct of the war, with rationing, and with the quality of bread and macaroni is constantly mounting.

## THE FARMER WHO CURES SICK LAND

Mr. Arthur Dennis, 47-year-old Suffolk farmer, of Chilton Hall, Clare, has taken on a job as "land doctor."

He has been given a roving commission by the County Agricultural War Executive Committee.

His business is to restore to health farms that need attention. But he will charge no fees.

### The Example

The committee saw what the curative hand of Mr. Dennis could do when he took on Brick Wall Farm at Hundon — with its 288 derelict acres.

Two years ago it was a "ghost" farm.

Sir Reginald Dorman Smith, then Minister of Agriculture, was told about it. For ten years it had been abandoned.

Lack of capital, agricultural depression, and the burden of tithes were the trouble. Cottages and farm buildings were overgrown by bushes and weeds. Ditches were choked.

### Land To Let

When war came, Mr. Dennis heard that the committee planned to restore the farm, and he offered his services free.

This week-end, the committee congratulated him on a job well done — for the "ghost" farm is no more. Its fields are ploughed, newly ditched, newly hedged; every acre is neat.

"The land has been let, and already 50 acres have been sown with wheat," Mr. Dennis said. "The rest of the crop will be barley and sugar-beet."

### GIVES £75, NO NAME

A girl walked into the secretary's office at St. Thomas's Hospital, London, and pushed an envelope into the hands of an official. It contained £75 in £1 notes.

The girl would not leave her name, but a note inside the envelope stated: "Will you please accept this money as a gift to the hospital from a grateful patient of some years ago."



As untamed as her beloved Wild West, Phoebe Titus totes a gun and is ready to use it in this scene from Wesley Ruggles' "Arizona," spectacular new Columbia drama coming to the King's Theatre on Friday. Jean Arthur is starred as Phoebe, lone white woman among a thousand men in Old Tucson, lawless outpost of the desert, while William Holden portrays her sweetheart, fearless Sergeant Peter Muncie.



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# GANG CHIEF NO ONE EVER SEES HUNTED

A MYSTERY MAN, who is employing youths to rob the Post Office Savings Bank without any of them knowing his name or what he looks like, is being hunted by Post Office detectives under Detective-Sergeant Aitken.

The detectives know how his racket is worked: by an ingenious but simple method of forgery. They know who originated the scheme — a Canadian airman who was sentenced last month.

They know some of the gang: three youths were sentenced at the Old Bailey and other arrests have been made.

But who is the Big Shot in the background? Is he a known criminal or someone the world respects? "He" might be even a woman.

All that is known is that he (or she) has sufficient capital to finance large numbers of youths with initial "expenses" and the few shillings needed for each to work the fraud.

The gang work in groups of three — an agent, a forger, and a withdrawer — mainly in districts of London's East End.

They are set up together in back rooms and remain unpretentious in their dress though each has been earning £3 a day.

## The Racket

The agent opens at different post offices at least two Savings Bank accounts every day, with deposits of 5s. In one he deposits a second sum, say 2s.

The forger then detaches the stamped side of the book with two entries and fixes it in the book with one. Thus his book shows a 5s. entry with an official stamp, then a blank line with an official stamp.

On that blank line the forger fills in a deposit of £20.

The withdrawer then goes from one post office to another making £3 "on demand" withdrawals until £20 is withdrawn.

The spoils are split among the three, and a substantial proportion is set aside for the Big Shot.

What method the Big Shot employs of (a) recruiting his gang, and (b) collecting his "cut" has not yet been revealed.

But the lure of easy money has been bringing recruits in fast.

## Returned To Scene

The youths sentenced were Alfred Philip Pomman, 20-years-old Army deserter (three years' Borstal), 19-years-old Reginald Frederick Dawson (three years' Borstal), and Frederick Samuel Suddall, aged 26 (18 months' imprisonment).

Pomman was the withdrawer and he made the mistake of returning to the scene of his crime.

A smart girl Post Office worker recognised the book he presented as one that had appeared there twice before.

She kept him talking while the police were called.

## U.S. MAY GET TORNADOES

Britain was reported in Washington to be considering making the new Hawker Tornado fighter planes available for manufacture in the United States, both for the R.A.F. and the U.S. Army and Navy, if they wish to use them.

The Tornado may figure in the efforts now under way to standardise American and British aircraft production in the United States as much as possible.

There is no possibility that the planes could be produced in time to help Britain this spring, but American authorities are enthusiastic about the machine and would be glad to produce it. — Associated Press.

## 3 SOLDIERS' DEATH PROBE

Mysterious deaths of three soldiers after they had spent a night in a West Country detention barracks has not yet been solved.

Police, including members of the C.I.D., are investigating and it is understood that they have interviewed Charles Finch, twenty-three, of Gerrard Street, Hafod, Swansea, who is now making good progress in a military hospital.

His three companions who died were Glen Roy Williams, twenty-four, of Quarella Road, Bridgend, Glamorgan; Frank Girvan, twenty-eight, whose home is believed to be Burnside, Cupar, Fife, and Harold Smith, nineteen, of Manchester.

The four men were apparently placed in one cell and Williams and Girvan died early the following morning. Smith died several hours later after being rushed twenty miles to a military hospital.

The South-East Somerset coroner formally opened the inquest on the three men and adjourned to.

The barracks was at one time a county prison but had been closed for ten years until the war.

It is believed that the cell occupied by the men had not previously been used by the military and that the men were overcome by gas fumes.

## WOMAN HELD ON A DEFENCE CHARGE

LOOKING PALE AND ILL, A SLIM BUILT WOMAN WAS REMANDED AT CARDIFF CHARGED WITH AN OFFENCE CONCERNING HIS MAJESTY'S FORCES.

She was Evelyn Froggatt, of Cardiff, accused on unlawfully having in her possession certain documents containing information regarding the operations or projected operations of H. M. Forces, contrary to the Defence Regulations, 1939.

Mr. Gerald Fox, prosecuting, asked for a remand to enable the police to make further investigations.

The woman was granted bail.

## "LOOTERS EVERYWHERE" IN LIVERPOOL

Looting on a big scale during the Merseyside blitz was alleged at Liverpool Police Court.

Mr. H. R. Balmer said, "Last night we had more looting in Liverpool than we have ever had before. These ghoul have been looting under the eyes of the public and walking away with the booty while the blitz was still going on."

"No matter where one happened to look, men could be seen helping themselves from shop windows which had been shattered by bombs."

"Two police inspectors, while assisting injured people, fell over men who were too busy looting to notice the officers."

Thirteen men, alleged to have been caught in the act of looting, were arrested, Mr. Balmer said.

A twenty-five-year-old soldier, Cecil Roy Browning, was accused of stealing toothpaste and being in unlawful possession of two packets of cigars, two cigarette cases, a pipe and a quantity of loose tobacco. He was remanded and his application for bail was refused.

"I am instructed to object to these alleged looters being allowed out on bail," said Mr. Balmer. "These men must be kept safely behind locks and bars in these dangerous times."

All the accused were remanded in custody.

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## By The Four Aces

"Please tell us whether we bid this hand properly or if we were just lucky," requests D.P.L. of Decatur, Illinois.

|               |          |                       |           |
|---------------|----------|-----------------------|-----------|
| South, Dealer |          | Both sides vulnerable |           |
| ♠             | A 5 3 2  | ♥                     | A K 10 4  |
| ♦             | A 4      | ♣                     | 7 6 2     |
| ♠             | K J 5 8  | ♥                     | Q 10 7 6  |
| ♦             | J        | ♣                     | 3 2       |
| ♠             | K 10 8 3 | ♥                     | Q J 9 7   |
| ♦             | J 10 5 3 | ♣                     | 6 5       |
|               |          | ♠                     | 8         |
|               |          | ♥                     | 4         |
|               |          | ♦                     | 9 8 7 5 4 |
|               |          | ♣                     | 2         |
|               |          | ♠                     | A K Q 9 4 |

## The bidding:

| South | West | North | East |
|-------|------|-------|------|
| 1♥    | Pass | 3♥    | Pass |
| 4♣    | Pass | 4♦    | Pass |
| 6♣    | Pass | 7♥    | Pass |

"When South bid four clubs, he signified that he was interested, at least mildly, in a Slam, otherwise he would have bid four hearts or three no-trump. This interest in Slam was very gratifying to North with his tops in the trump suit and two side Aces! He temporised with four diamonds to see what South would do next.

"And when South bid five clubs, North decided that South must have a real club suit headed by at least Ace-King-Queen. After all, South couldn't have better than Queen-Jack of hearts, so had to have top cards somewhere to justify even an opening bid — let alone two attempts to reach a Slam. If those tops were Kings in diamonds and spades, why would South bid and rebid the clubs?"

"On the basis of this inference, North jumped all the way to the Grand Slam, which was made without the slightest trouble. At the other table (this was a team of four matches) they stopped at six. The only thing that bothers us now is whether we staggered into a lucky contract, or if our inferences were justified."

We don't think luck had anything to do with the hand. It was beautifully bid, and we agree with South's bidding and North's inference one hundred per cent.

Yesterday you were Merwin Maier's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

|   |           |
|---|-----------|
| ♠ | K J       |
| ♥ | K J 9 4   |
| ♦ | 8 5       |
| ♣ | A J 9 3 2 |

## The bidding:

| Maier | Jacoby | You  | Schenker |
|-------|--------|------|----------|
| 1♠    | 1NT    | Dbl. | Pass     |
| Pass  | 2♥     | Dbl. | Pass     |
| Pass  | 3♣     | Dbl. | Pass     |
| Pass  | 3♦     | (?)  |          |

ANSWER: Pass. You have already shown the strength of your hand by your repeated doubles of contracts you were reasonably sure to defeat. By passing at this point, you will not deny that strength but will show that you are weak in diamonds. For all you can tell, three diamonds can be made.

## Question No 697

To-day you are Howard Schenker's partner and, with your side vulnerable against non-vulnerable opponents, you hold:

|   |         |
|---|---------|
| ♠ | A 7 5 2 |
| ♥ | 10 4 3  |
| ♦ | K J 9 6 |
| ♣ | A 8     |

## The bidding:

| Jacoby | Schenker | Maier | You |
|--------|----------|-------|-----|
| 1♠     | 2♥       | Pass  | (?) |

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 p.m.—Military Band Music with Peter Dawson (Bass).

The Standard of St. George—Quick March (Alford). Massed Bands of the Aldershot & Eastern Commands, conducted by W. H. Campbell.

Britain's Heritage (Medley of Patriotic Songs)—Intro: Hearts of Oak; The Old Brigade; Lads in Navy Blue; Here's a health unto His Majesty; Rule Britannia Peter Dawson (Bass).

Drake's Drum (Trayton Adams); Britannia—Slow March (arr. Trayton Adams). Massed Bands of the Aldershot & Eastern Commands conducted by Burgess.

Britain's Heritage (Medley of Patriotic Songs)—Intro: Soldiers of the King; Private Tommy Atkins; British Grenadiers; Red, White & Blue Peter Dawson (Bass).

English Folk Songs & Dances—Intro John Barleycorn; Admiral Benbow. As I Walked through the Meadows. Bingo. Dashing Away with the Smoothing Iron; Nancy's Fancy. Drunken Sailor; Baccy Pipes Jig. O' Wally! Wally! Heave Away My Johnny; Harley Mow; The Crystal Spring. Regimental Band of H.M. Irish Guards conducted by Lieut. G. H. Willocks.

Good Green Acres of Home (Kahal & Fain) Peter Dawson (Bass). Sussex by the Sea March (Ward Higgs). The Band of H.M. Royal Air Force conducted by Flight-Lt. Amers with Male Chorus.

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal

1.01 p.m.—Variety.

Piano: The King's Horses (Gay & Graham). Rite Da Costa. Vocal: The Army, The Navy & The Air Force (Dawson). C. V. H. Norman with Herman Daweski & his Band.

Organ: Childhood Memories (arr. by Debroy Somers). Reginald Foot comedian Mary From the Dairy. The Woman Improver Max Miller.

Orchestra Don't Forget the Old Folks at Home (Noel Pelosi). Billy Cotton & his Band with Vocal Chorus.

Vocal: Old Soldiers Never Die! In the Fall in and Follow Me. Let the Great Big World Keep Turning. Hello! Hello! Who's Your Lady Friend? Mademoiselle from Armentieres. There's a Long Long Trail. Take me Back to Dear Old Blighty. If You Were the Only Girl in the World. It's a Long Way to Tipperary. Fall in and Follow Me Gracie Fields.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press and Announcements

1.45 p.m.—An Elgar Programme.

"Crown of India" Suite, Op. 66 Introduction and Dance of Nautch Girls. Minuet No. 3 Warriors' Dance. March of the Mogul Emperors. London Symphony Orchestra cond. by Edward Elgar.

Lake to the Danubius Rose. Light Symphony Orchestra conducted by Haydn Wood.

Song of Liberty (Pomp & Circumstance March, No. 4) Dennis Noble & Chorus with the Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards, conducted by Capt. Causley Windram.

Queen Mary's Song. Light Symphony Orchestra conducted by Haydn Wood.

Land of Hope and Glory. Nancy Evans & Chorus with the Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards conducted by Capt. Causley Windram.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 p.m.—Topical — Wartime Dance Music.

6/8—Follow the White Line... Harry Roy & his Orchestra.

Fox-Trot Till the Lights of London Shine Again. Jack Jackson & his Band.

Quick-Step—Berlin or Bust. Jack Payne & his Band.

Fox-Trots—They Can't Black-out the Moon. Good-bye, Sally... Jay Warner & his Band.

Quick-Step—We Must all Stick Together. Gerald & the Savoy Hotel Orchestra.

Fox-Trots—Lords of the Air; We'll Remember The Organ, the Dance Band & Me.

Quick-Step—Kiss Me Goodnight Sergeant Major Sidney Lipton and his Grosvenor House Dance Orch.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Talk: "From the Old Country".

7.30 p.m.—Excerpts from Gilbert and Sullivan's "The Yeomen of the Guard".

Overture... Light Opera Orchestra. When Maiden Loves, She Sits & Sighs. Nellie Brierecliffe (Contralto).

Were I Thy Bride... Nellie Brierecliffe. Oh! Sergeant Meryll, Is It True?... Peter Dawson & Chorus.

Forbear, My Friends... Derek Oldham, Nellie Brierecliffe, Leo Sheffield & Male Chorus.

Aye, Hup, Him, Girl... Leo Sheffield, Derek Oldham, Nellie Brierecliffe & Male Chorus.

The Prisoner Comes to Meet His Doom... Full Company.

Oh! A Private Buffoon Is a Light Hearted Loon... George Baker.

## WAR STOPS THEIR EXAMS

(By A Special Correspondent)

Exams for entry into secondary schools are being abolished this year by Middlesex County Council.

Instead, candidates will be chosen by elementary school-teachers on the result of their past year's work.

Only in "border-line" cases, where it is impossible for the teacher to decide on fitness for secondary education, will some form of examination be set.

Middlesex County Council started the scheme as an experiment last year.

The scheme has proved so successful that the Council have again decided on "no exams" for 1941.

"Evacuation and part-time opening of schools interrupted some of the children's studies so much that we thought it would be unfair to set a written examination," an official said.

Miriam Lucette, Clara Serena, Francis Russell, Denis Noble, Robert Carr & Chorus.

Tom Jones Selection. H.M. Grenadier Guards conducted by Capt. George Miller.

Four Jolly Sailorsmen Quartette. Francis Russell, Barry Jones, Raymond Newell & Hardy Deane with Piano.

Morris Dance from "Henry VIII Dances". Jack Hyllon & his Orch.

8.30 p.m.—Studio "British Prose Writers" No. 5. Carlyle. Talk by Father T. Ryan, S.J.

8.50 p.m.—Eric Coates "London Again" Suite.

Oxford Street, Langham Place. The London Palladium Orchestra conducted by Richard Cross.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

9.15 p.m.—London Relay "Questions of the Hour".

9.30 p.m.—A Programme of English Ballads and Popular Music.

Sally Horner (Traditional). Floral Dance (Moss). Brian Lavance with Fred Bartley & his Quintet.

Fantasia on British Sea Songs (arr. by Sir H. J. Wood). Intro. Bugles. Admiral's Salute. Action. General Assembly. Landing Party. Prepare the Ham. Quick Double. Extend and Close. Sea Songs. Anchor Weigh'd and Saucy Arethusa. Sir Henry J. Wood conducting the London Symphony Orchestra.

Fairings. Come to the Fair. "Songs of the Fair" Easthope Martin. Percy Henning (Bardone).

This England Intro. Fanfare. Here's a Health Unto His Majesty. Roast Beef of Old England (vocal). Sir Roger de Coverly. Chorus. Hup (vocal). Come Lassies & Lads. Vicar of Bray (vocal). Drink to me only, Lincolnshire Poacher. A Fine Old English Gentleman (vocal).

Loss of Richmond Hill. Ikla Moor balt (at vocal). Sally in our Alley. There's a Tavern in the Town. British Grenadiers. John Peel (vocal). Here's a Health Unto His Majesty. Debroy Somers Band with Orch.

Devonshire Cream and Cider (Cuzot & Sanderson). Up From Somerset (Weatherly & Sanderson). Malcolm McEachern (Bass).

9.45 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).

10.00 p.m.—Studio—Our Letter from Free China.

10.15 p.m.—London Relay—"England & St. George". Programme for St. George's Day.

10.30 p.m.—London Relay—"St. George's Day". Feature programme.

11.00 p.m.—Close down.

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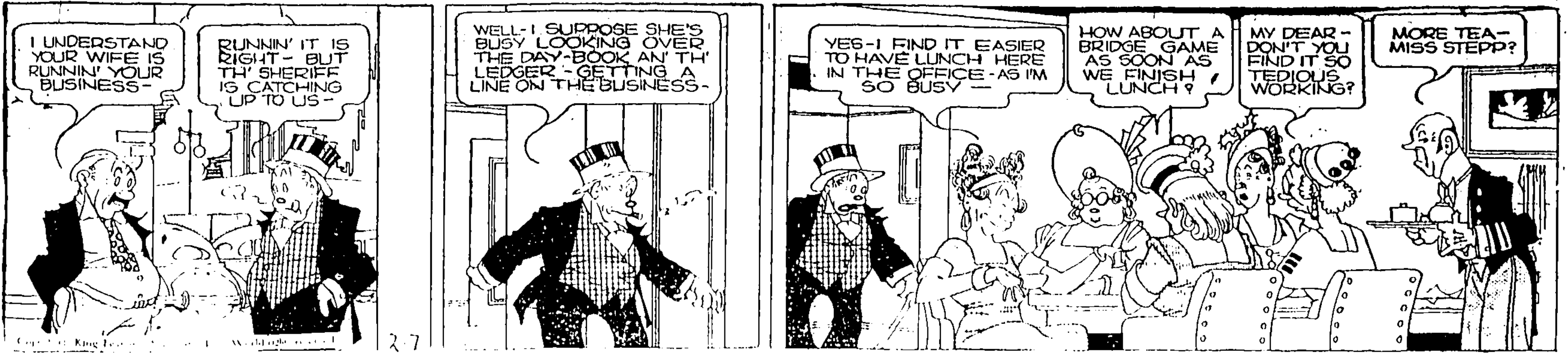
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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



# A PAGE FOR WOMEN

## Gray Hair Or Bleached Blond?

If you are prematurely gray, or graying, don't think for a minute you have lost allure for the opposite sex. In fact it has been stated that you are preferred by men to any bleached blond.

Men the darling, like to be natural and they like natural beauty in women. That is, they like it to be beautiful and if we use ways and means of acquiring beauty, they do not want the ways and means to be obvious.

One very "preferred" gentleman, stated it this way: "A bleached blond is obvious. We know her hair colouring is artificial. We may like the effect but



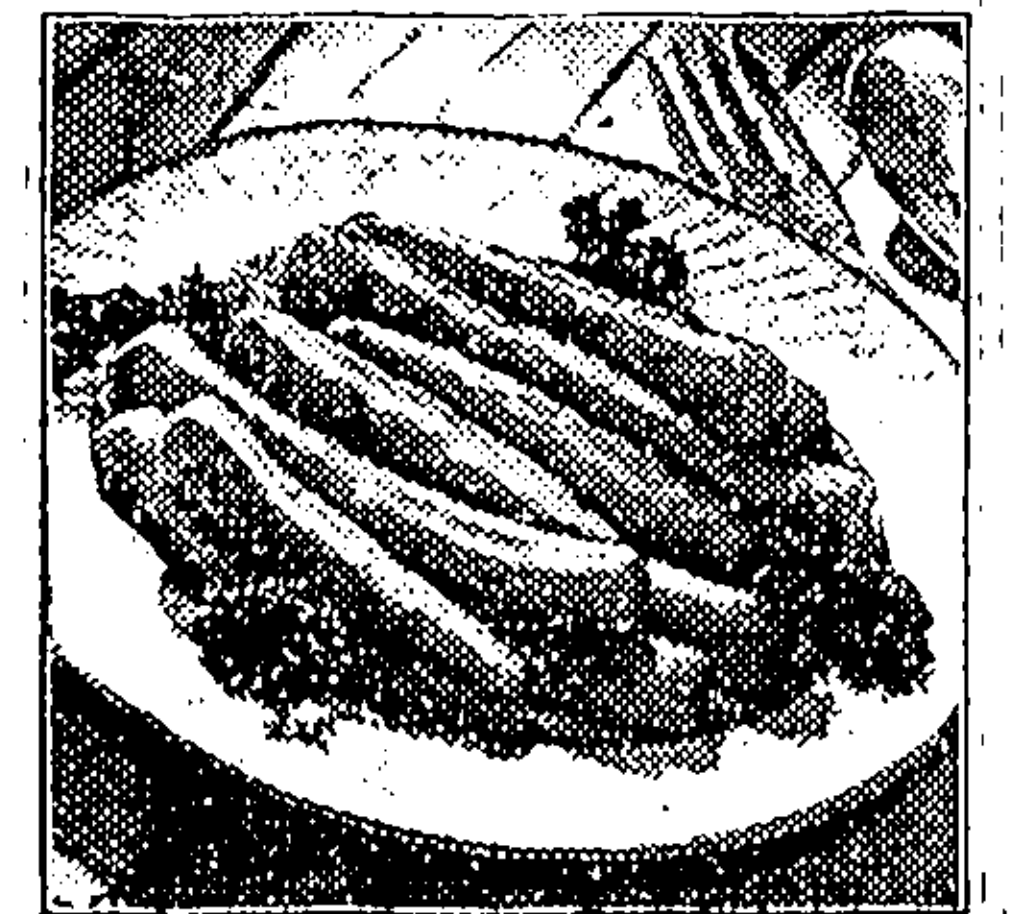
This extremely smart coiffure for gray hair was created by Joseph of New York.

## Flavour Hints for Vegetables

by Dorothy Greig

GRANNY used to say, "All vegetables are more exciting with a bit of fixing up." In her house we'd find little white onions, baked in with the peas, and the peas cooked with sprigs of mint; or a flecking of nutmeg on carrots, or onion butter over beets. Granny never had to coax the members of her family to eat vegetables. They always passed back for more.

One of my own pet flavor enhancers for vegetables is condensed soups. These being skillfully seasoned in themselves give forth of that flavor to the vegetables. For instance:



### Savory Glazed Carrots

- 2 tablespoons butter
  - 2 tablespoons onions, chopped
  - 2 tablespoons flour
  - 1/2 teaspoon salt
  - 9-10 whole scraped carrots (6-8 inches long)
  - 1 can condensed consommé
- Cook the chopped onions in the butter until soft but not brown. Roll the carrots in the flour and salt and sauté with the onions and butter for about 10 minutes. Then pour the consommé with 1/2 cup water over the carrots. Cover tightly and cook until tender. Sprinkle with chopped parsley just before serving.
- And mealy baked potatoes, good as they are, taste even better as:
- Tomato Cheese Baked Potatoes
- Bake the potatoes. Scoop out the shells and mash well or put through a ricer. For each medium sized potato add:
- 2 tablespoons condensed tomato soup
  - 1/2 teaspoon salt
  - 1/2 inch of pepper
  - 2 tablespoons butter
  - 1 tablespoon sharp grated cheese
- Mix all together thoroughly and put mixture back in potato shell. Brown in hot oven or under broiler.

## Gray Hair Becoming The Vogue

Recently in a fashion and beauty show for the press, Exhibit B, was a gray-haired model, who was made up so cleverly that her hair was dramatised into being her best asset. When she was introduced we were reminded that most of the greatest sirens of all time such as Marie Antoinette and Madame Pompadour considered gray or white hair so desirable that they powdered their own or wore wigs of either colour.

The trick of being youthfully fascinating, when the pigment of your hair is leaving or has left, lies in expertly applied make-up and in styling your hair in a very chic coiffure.

Pastel tones in eyeshadow, mascara and rouge, and light-keyed pure reds in lipsticks add beauty to the face halved by fading hair. Face powder of an absolutely perfect shade is vitally important too, and should be blended freshly at least every six months and preferably every three months.

You see when one's hair begins to fade a pigment change takes place throughout the system and the colouring of the skin and eyes noticeably alter.

The tint of the face powder depends upon the colour of one's eyes and the degree to which the hair has faded. If one's eyes are

brown and hair is iron gray, the powder requires a rosy tint. If eyes are hazel and hair half-way gray a dash of bright green powder goes into the blending. Blue eyes with hair partly gray or pure white require a powder with bluish or violet tones.

## About Coiffures

Sleek, unswinging coiffures, or those knotted in back and piled high in front, are for the graying haired. Long bobs or many frizzy, sausage curls are out of order; they make men think you are hanging on desperately to your sub-dub youth! Brush your hair away from your face, wear lovely earrings and keep both hair and skin perfectly groomed!



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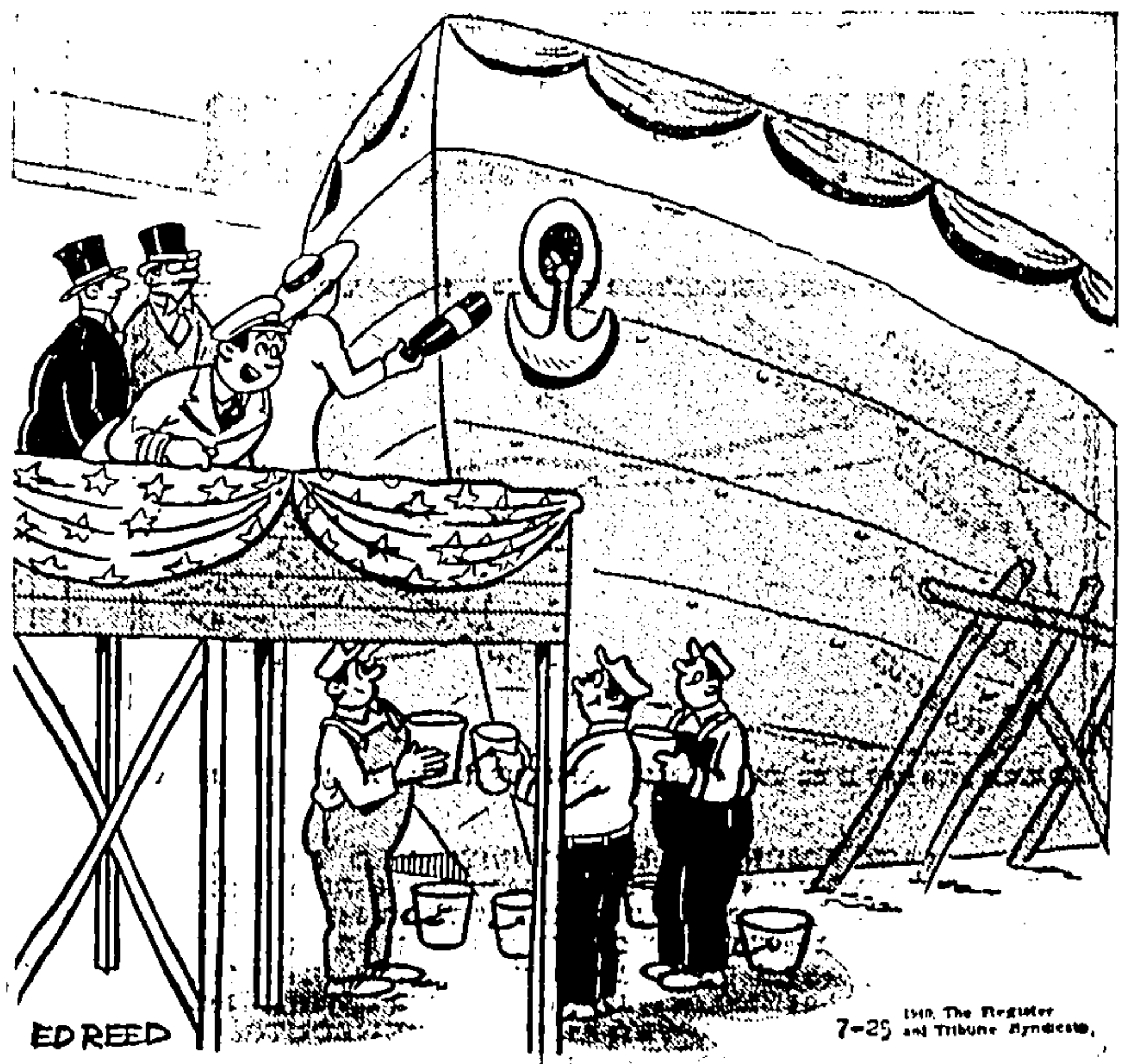
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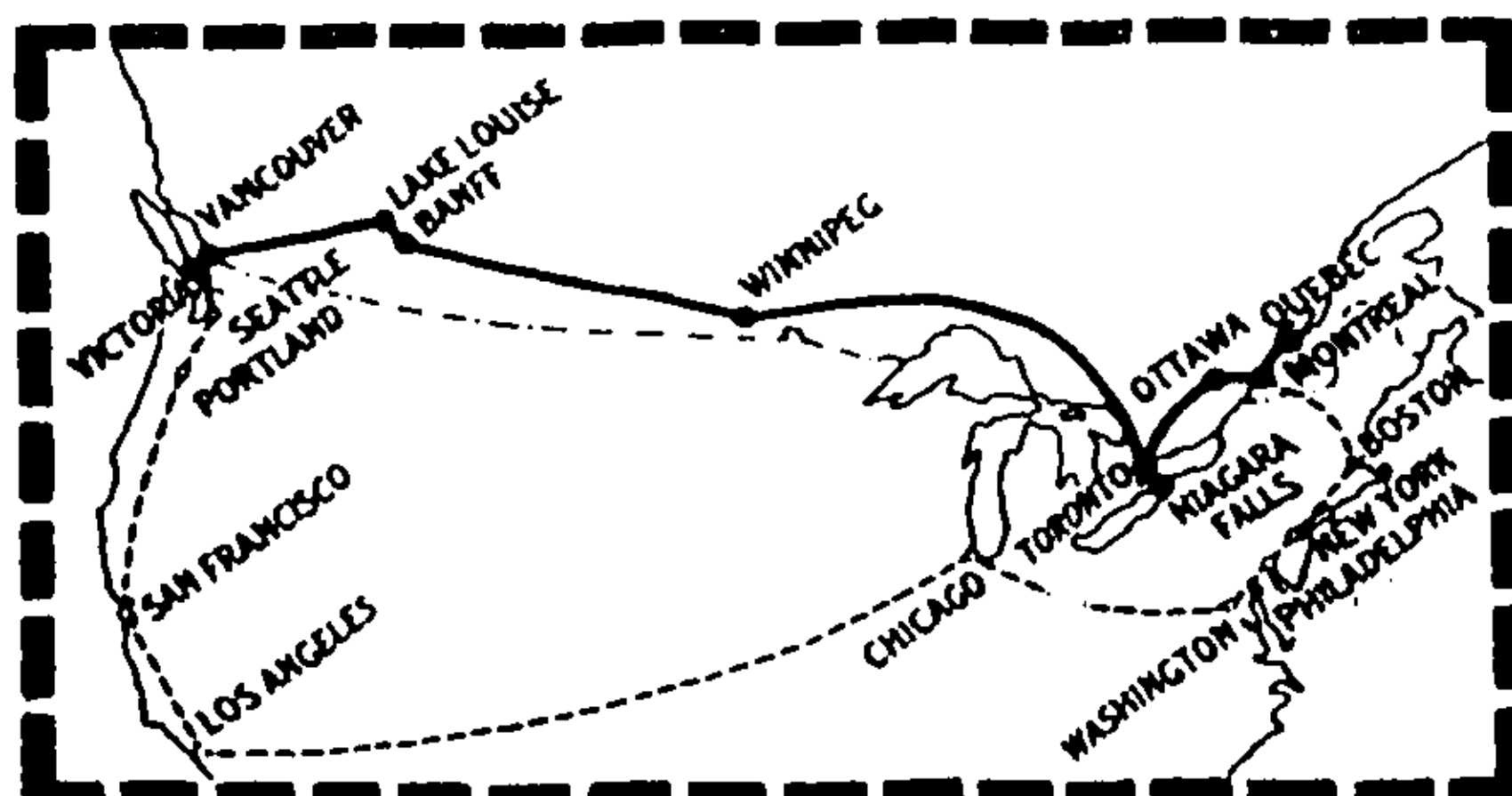
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# 3 SISTERS: NO TIME TO WED

So big and brave are the jobs of work the three Yates sisters of Birmingham are doing that they have no time to think about marriage while the war is on. All three are A.R.P. wardens. Their post is at their own home in one of the most badly damaged areas in the city. Romance must take a back seat while they are putting out incendiaries, helping the injured, saving animals in the blitz.

Mary is twenty-seven, Eileen twenty-one and Winifred nineteen. Mary and Eileen are full-time paid wardens, but Winifred, who is "hot up" with a fractured foot, is a volunteer.

Once she rescued some horses from a fire, and during another raid while trying to salvage goods from a burning building a floor collapsed and she fell into a room below.

"Between us we have put out dozens of incendiaries. Mary told a reporter. "But it is only what thousands of other people are doing," she added modestly.

"I am on permanent night duty and we are all on duty seven days a week.

"Mother volunteered to allow our house to be used as an A.R.P. post, and there is a staff of nine wardens here.

"The three of us are so busy with our work that we have had no time to think about marriage. My fiance is in the R.A.F. Eileen has a young man, but Winifred has no time for romance."

# "PAY BACK JERRY" IS WIFE'S AIM

Being bombed out of her home and not seeing her soldier husband for thirteen months has made nineteen-year-old Mrs. Florence Birch all the more determined to "have her own back" on Jerry.

So she cheerfully lives in a little church hall, sleeping and having her meals on the floor so that she can be near the aircraft factory where she works, helping to build our long range bombers that go to Berlin and Turin.

In this factory "Somewhere in England" a reporter talked to this brave young wife as she bent over a hand presser machine on which she presses out between six and seven thousand uranium brackets a day.

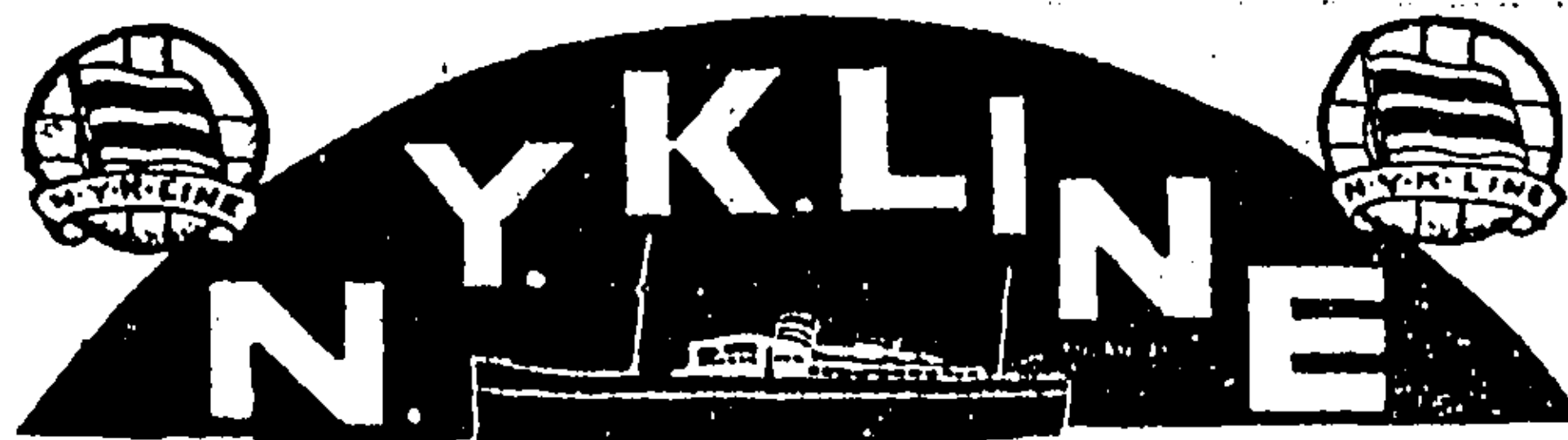
"I have worked here for four months," she said. "When I am on night work and the siren sound I can carry on in the pitch dark, still making my brackets.

"I love the work, and it is the only way in which I can get my own back on the Jerries.

"I start at eight in the morning and finish at five, and cycle to my 'home'—now a patch of floor in a local church hall, but the vicar has made us very comfortable there.

"I am one of a gang of girls who all share our earnings each week. We all turn out as much as we possibly can."

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## R.A.F.'S SUCCESS IN DESERT

Further details of the experiences of the small force of picked British and New Zealand troops which had been harassing Italian outposts among the sand dunes of the Libyan desert lying south of the coastal area, in which the Australians and a British armoured division were operating, indicate that their activities included the pirating of Italian transport convoys, the shelling and capturing of isolated forts, the blowing up of ammunition dumps, and the burning of aircraft on the ground, says a correspondent of the "Sydney Morning Herald."

This sand dune country stretches for 800 miles from east to west, with an average width of 150 miles. Individual patrols, equipped with fighting cars, were in the desert for as long as six weeks, carrying food and water needed to last a good part of that time.

The Southern Desert is the largest sand dune field in the world, and is entirely different from the flat, stony desert over which the A.I.F. marched. No rain falls for decades, and rows of sand dunes 100 to 400 feet high run from horizon to horizon. The Italians felt that the garrisons of Kufra and at other isolated oases were secure from attack because they were protected by the dunes, immense distances, lack of water, and barely endurable heat.

In the early days of their patrol, one or two of the drivers became confused by the yellow glare, fell over the brink of huge dunes, and rolled over and over for 100 feet without being harmed. For three days it was so hot that some of the men became delirious.

One patrol, returning from a mine-laying expedition along the coastal end of the Kufra road, appeared suddenly before a fort in the Augila oasis. Three shells drove out the astonished garrison. The raiders removed the fort's entire armament and disappeared into the desert as swiftly as they had come. As a result of such raids, all normal traffic along desert routes has stopped, and no movement is allowed except in convoys, escorted by guns and aircraft. Twice patrols were bombed in the shelterless desert, but were not damaged.

In the wild northern foothills of the Tibesti mountains, with their 10,000 foot volcanic peaks, one patrol had a rendezvous with Free French troops and the combined party invaded the Fezzan and surprised and captured the town of Murzuk. They invested and bombarded the fort using a mortar, captured 30 Italians, and marched on the town of Trarhen, whose inhabitants marched out to surrender, beating drums and with flags flying. Two more oases were attacked before the force turned southwards towards French territory.

## "MICKEY MOUSE" RULES IN SHELTER

**MICKEY MOUSE** they call him, dwarf with the heart of a giant, a little man who is in charge of one of London's biggest air-raid shelters.

He is said to have performed wonders during the raids, and his judgment is never questioned by any of the 2,000 shelterers whose safety is under his supervision.

The Under-Secretary for Scotland told an Edinburgh audience about him.

"I wish you could have met Mickey," he said. "He is a little man whom life has given rather a raw deal. In body he is deformed. He is a dwarf but in mind and spirit he is a giant."

"He is lord of one of the biggest shelters in London. Two thousand shelterers with overwhelming unanimity, elected him chief shelter marshal."

"He has gone round that huge rabbit warren directing improvements, completing organisation, smoothing out difficulties and reconciling opposing views."

He described a visit with Mickey to a meeting of the "Shelterers' Parliament" and went on: "The overwhelming impression this visit left in my mind was the fierce love of London cherished by her sons and daughters."

"There was no need to tell these people to stay put. The problem was to get them to go away."

## 17, DELIVERS MAIL BY PONY

England's youngest postwoman, seventeen-year-old Miss Mollie Hughes, of Christian Malford, Wilts, rises at six every morning and soon afterwards is cantering away on her pony to begin her ten-mile round with the mails.

Already her pony, "Mickey Mouse," a pure-bred Dartmoor, three years old, is a great favourite on the round, and more than one householder waits for him with a titbit.

Miss Hughes, daughter of Captain G. A. and Mrs. Hughes, of Avonover, Christian Malford, told a reporter that, a few weeks ago, owing to the impossibility of securing a postman for the village of Draycot Cerne, a curtailment of the deliveries was threatened.

To avoid this, and as her war work, she volunteered to take over the job, a plucky action with the depth of winter approaching. Her round includes a number of isolated houses.

The young postwoman straps on herself during darkness a white light showing to the front and a red light showing to the rear.

Early one morning a villager was alarmed to see a red light

## FIRE HEROES OF THE BLACK DOG

Down at the "Black Dog," Lambeth way, they know all about fire-watching, and fire-fighting too.

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The Three Musketeers, in particular. They are Fred Henley himself, seventy-four years old and still as lively as the proverbial cricket; Peggy Ellison (so named for his wooden leg), and Patsy Keeble, one-armed from birth.

What tales they tell. You will hear how Peggy races up ladders and stairs as fast as anyone, how he deals with incendiaries as casually as a man might put another shovelful of coal on the parlor fire, how he smothered a bomb with his coat and waistcoat.

And Patsy, three pints of ale clutched in his handless stump, is called on to demonstrate how he copes with the "perishers."

### At Own Expense

They talk of Mr. Henley with pride and reverence. Fred is father to the whole district. You will hear how he organised the whole scheme, bullied, cajoled, scrounged until he got hold of the necessary equipment; delved deep into his own pocket to finance it; trained and equipped his squad to fight the night terrors; feeds the men on duty with hot drinks and sandwiches every night at his own expense.

"If the bombs start falling thick and fast the whole squad, not to mention all the folk in the pub, turn out to a man," says Mr. Henley.

"We've saved a good few serious fires that way."

bobbing up and down in front of him. He could not hear a sound, and could not gain on it. He was thinking of the local ghost legends when the mystery was solved by the postwoman stopping to make a delivery.

She had been cantering along on the greensward at the side of the road.

## OWN RAID WARNING FOR £8

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The service is based on the same official information which supplies the public "alert," but is an additional local safeguard—a double check of special value to business houses and employers.

It is estimated that it would give the largest staff a sufficient margin of time for all to take shelter.

Mr. P. E. Browne, President of the Chamber, told a reporter: "Some means had to be found so that employees could go on with their work after the sounding of the sirens in the assurance that every possible protection would be given them at times of imminent danger."

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# INDIA AND UNITED STATES QUALIFY FOR FINAL

## China Beats Britain In Exciting Ladies' Tussle

### Souza Plays Sound Game For Portugal

By "Grandstand"

CLOSE DECISIONS featured the semi-finals of the International Softball Series last Sunday, when the Indians nosed out the Chinese 1-0, and the United States squad triumphed over Portugal 3-1, whilst Great Britain put up a surprisingly stiff opposition, only to be shaded 5-4 by the strong Chinese lassies.

With the exception of centre-fielder Wilson, the United States team was made up of players from the Mighty Mohawks, who partially wiped off the stigma of their Easter Monday humiliation, by taking Riri Noronha's Portuguese lads before a packed gallery in a brilliant display, featuring heads up ball by both teams.

Although the Portuguese squad cut out the Stars and Stripes, the latter made effective use of their bats to score, leaving two stranded on the base, whilst seven No. 10 men died on the bases.

#### Air-Tight Start

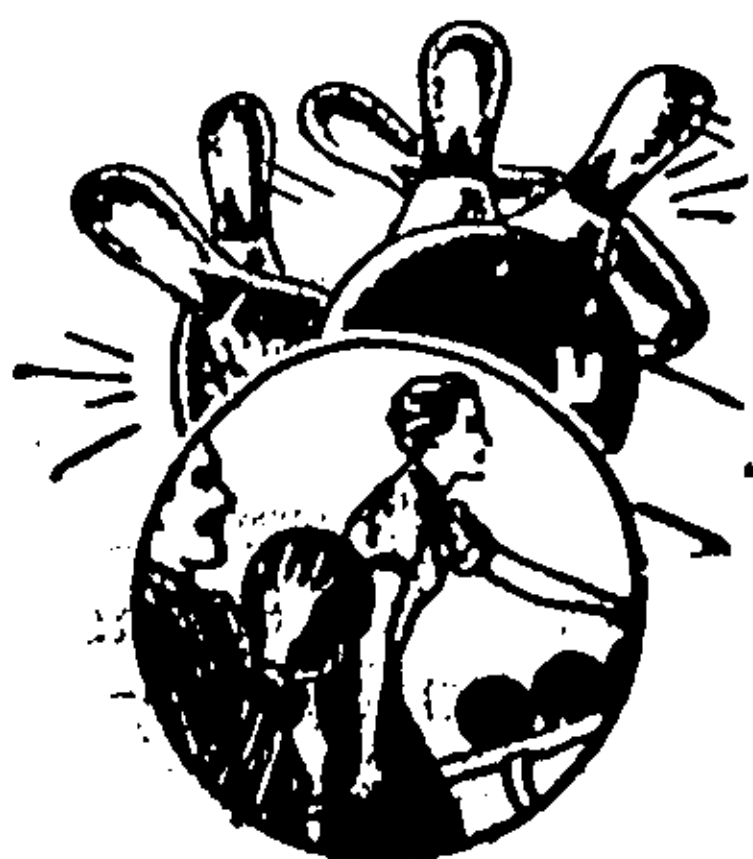
For the first two heats the Portuguese side played an tight ball, getting the Americans in a squeeze, but in the third, Hank Sperry dumped a lulu along first, and pilfered second, whilst Cy Jones worked slabster Gerry Gosano for a pass to first, both runners advancing on Morris' sacrifice bunt. Johnnie Schaberg's long fly drove in Sperry, whilst Jones romped home when centre-fielder Bertie Gosano heaved one into the stands when he relayed the angle.

The U.S. team broke into the scoring column again in the seventh stanza when Pete Fitch stretched a single, and chalked up the clincher on Sperry's rasping single to short centre. Excitement reached fever pitch when hard-hitting rookie Charlie Quinn, pinch-hitting for Caco Marques, slapped out a single with two away, and dented the pay-off station to save Portugal from a white-washing on George Souza's double.

With the rabid fans howling for a homer to knot the count, Tony "Peewee" Alves grounded out to end the fracas.

#### Spotlight On Souza

Hank Sperry, the lanky Mohawk left gardener, came up with a perfect willow performance, with three safeties in as many batting chances, but it was Portuguese short-stop George Souza who was the 'dazzler', fielding nine chances without a fumble, and pivoted from Ozorio to first-sacker Nick Beltrao for

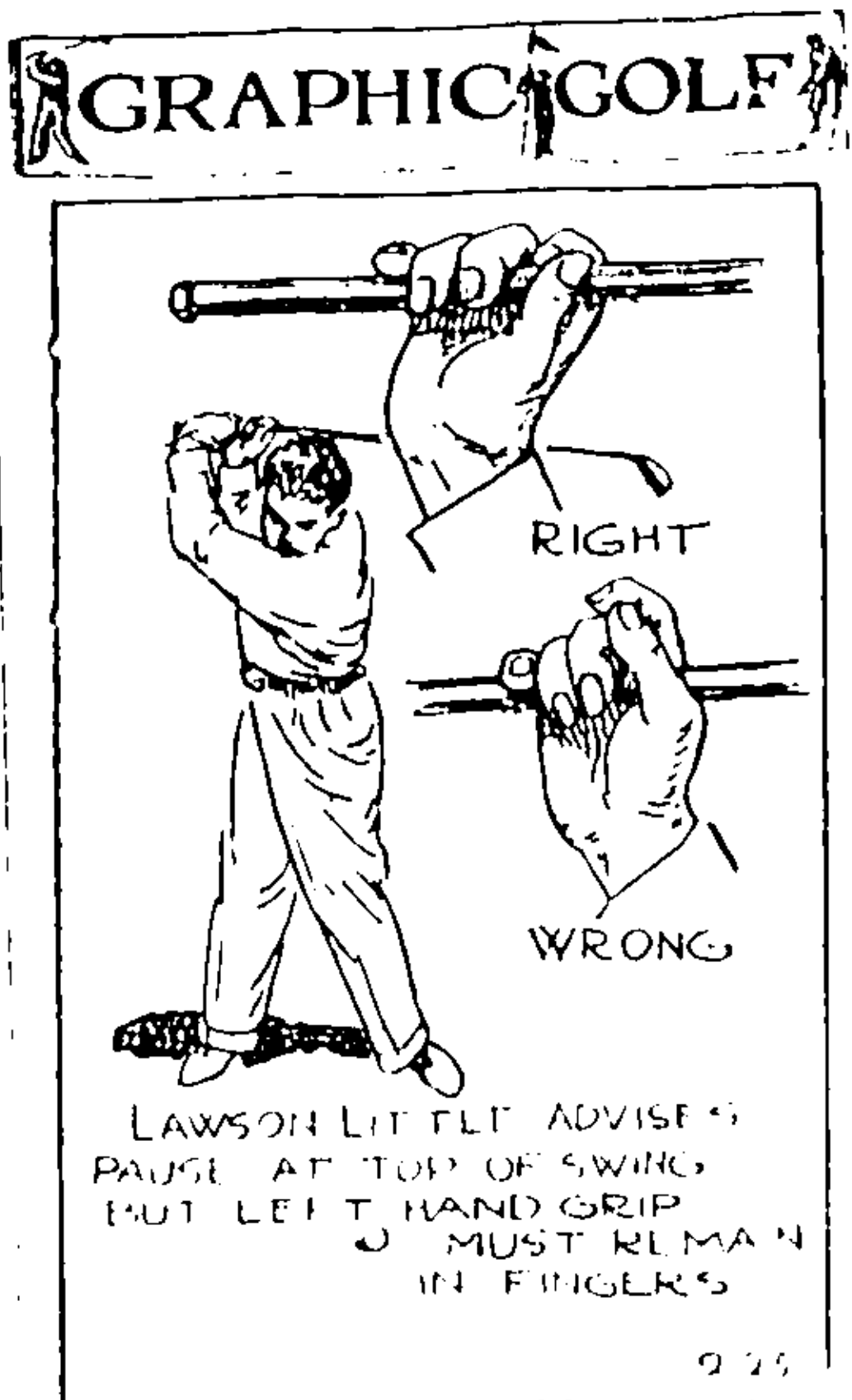


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The left hand grip must be secure, particularly the last three fingers of this member, which maintain the most pressure on the shaft. Relaxing their hold may mean that the shaft will tilt down suddenly because of the clubhead weight and cause it to sink downward into the crotch between the right thumb and forefinger as illustrated above. To afford double protection against this error the shaft should also be held securely between the index finger and thumb of the right hand. Even when the left hand grip is firm, there is always danger of this fault occurring if the right hand grip is too relaxed at this point.

Next Article:—Gripping The Club.

the Chinese, handcuffed, fanning three of the six batters to face her, the others popping out weakly to the infield. A decision by umpire "Doc" Molten in the third which brought forth fiery verbal attacks from the fans, put Doris Mar on second, and eventually tallied on Grandma Hutchinson's fumble for the first Chinese counter. Ullan Khoo slugged another marker for the Chinese to take a two-one lead. A barrage of four safeties in the sixth produced a cluster of three runs for the Chinese, whilst the British team could only cha'k up two in the half of the inning on a pair of singles.

#### Rene Yuen Fumbles

Coming into the last of the seventh, with two runs behind, Coco Yolle fanned the breeze for the first, assured Dolly Brown grounded out, but Gerry Jorge got a life when first-sacker Rene Yuen fumbled a catch. Another fumble put Jeannette "Blondie" Yolle on the sacks, whilst Gerry Jorge scampered across the pan to slim the lead to one run.

Yvonne Yolle belted one to deep centre which Margaret Young booted, but Jeannette Yolle forgot to weigh anchor and could only make third with the tying run, where she was stranded as Kitty Bush fled out.

Pat Jorge returned the best stickwork, clouting two in three, whilst Doris Mar, Ullan Khoo and Lily Mar were good for a two-bagger each.

### MARY HARDWICK'S STARTLING PROPOSAL TO TENNIS ASSN.

MARY HARDWICK, who was recently on a four months' tour of U.S.A., Cuba and Canada with Alice Marble, Budge and Tilden, has sent home a rather startling proposal to the Lawn Tennis Association, writes Geoffrey Simpson in a Home paper.

It is for nothing less than her reinstatement as an amateur after the war, by which time, doubtless, she will have amassed a tidy little sum from her professional matches.

Miss Hardwick's attitude is that her switch to professionalism is due entirely to the war. It has not her family, it has prevented her from receiving adequate financial support in the United States. So there was nothing for it but for her to turn her talents to profit.

#### CHARITY BENEFITS

The gate receipts of the softball charity games on Eastern Monday realised \$1,678.00.

#### Earnings For Charity

Part of her earnings she is handing to the war relief fund, and now she says that if the war ends with the Hardwick financial position "still normal" she will hand the whole of her professional profits to charity. Whereupon the L.T.A., in Miss Hardwick's view, should restore her amateur status.

Naturally, the L.T.A. are not going to be drawn into making a statement on such a proposal, but I shall be very surprised if they entertain it. Once they began legislating for individual cases the line dividing amateurs from professionals would be broken, and the way would be open for players to switch from one code to the other.

"Once a professional always a professional" is the basis of L.T.A. control in this matter, and they are not likely to make an exception in Miss Hardwick's case.

### BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

Following were yesterday's Badminton Championship results.

**WOMEN'S DOUBLES**  
Miss M. M. Silva and Miss M. A. Xavier beat Miss M. Ribeiro and Mrs. Silva 15-11; 15-12.

Mrs. Torrible and Mrs. Zammern beat Mrs. N. Castro and Miss T. Gonzalez 15-9; 15-11.

**MEN'S SENIOR DOUBLES**  
P. K. Hooi and H. F. Chew beat Y. P. and M. P. Yoong 15-4; 15-11.

K. W. Choy and K. B. Low beat Patrick H. Wong and C. Au (holders) 17-15; 15-7.

**MEN'S JUNIOR DOUBLES**  
A. L. Fisher and P. Wynter-Blyth beat J. L. Anderson and W. Giles 18-13; 18-16.

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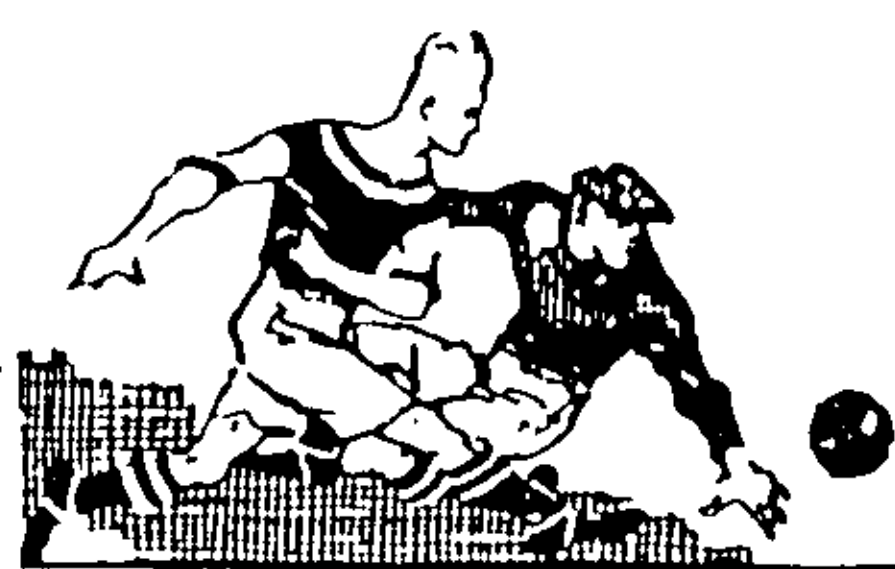
# LOUIS KNOCKS THEM DOWN AS JACOBS SETS THEM UP

## The Greatest Money Winner In Boxing History

### Burman Gives Louis Best Fight For Some Time

WHO IS THERE left to challenge Joe Louis's supremacy as world heavyweight champion?

This sleepy-eyed youth, who thinks more of sleep, baseball and reading comic papers than he does of boxing, has now defended his world title 16 times since he won it from James J. Braddock in June, 1938.



As various challengers of prominence have arisen, so have they been knocked down just as quickly, and some of them in record time, too. The only man who seems to have made an impression on Maestro Mike Jacobs, whose job it is to keep finding sacrifices for Louis's lethal punches, is the Chilean champion, Arturo Godoy. He has already faced "Fighting Joe" twice, going the full distance on the first occasion, and he is to be given a third chance in the summer.

#### Easy Money For Louis

Louis doesn't mind. He is earning easy money while they are trying to find someone to dethrone him. He is earning, after he had beaten Clarence "Red" Burman, his thirtieth challenger, amounting to about £440,000.

Most of this has accumulated from his last fifteen fights, and easy money it has been. From winning his title in June, 1938, up to the time he beat "Two Ton" Galento in June a year later, Louis earned money at the rate of £100 a second. At one period, his total earnings from four contests, worked out at £365 a second. Mathematicians can get busy and find out what his annual rate of pay would amount to at this rate.

#### Rags To Riches

Joe's life story is certainly one of the greatest of romantic "Rags to Riches" stories. Born amid poverty and squall in a crowded ramshackle cabin in an Alabama cotton field, Louis is probably the greatest money winner in the history of boxing.

Up to the time of beating Burman he had had 48 fights as a professional, winning 40 of them by knockouts or technical knockouts and even on points. The only blot on his copybook was his twelfth round knockout at the hands of Max Baer before he won the championship. That defeat was amply avenged later, however, when Louis put the German away in the first round.

"Red" Burman, a protege of Jack Dempsey, for whom he used to act as chauffeur, greatly impressed the critics by his courageous effort to dethrone Louis.

There was a period in the third round when the champion was definitely uncomfortable. He slipped to the ground when Burman landed a hard right-cross to the jaw. It was probably surprise rather than the weight of the blow that caused Louis to fall, for he jumped up immediately before a count could be started. If it was the punch that put him down this would seem to lend weight to Jack Dempsey's alleged remark that Louis "couldn't take it about the head."

Burman, conceding a stone in weight, put up one of the best fights seen against Louis for a long time. He repeatedly waded into the champion with a heavy, if at times rather wild, two-fisted attack which he interspersed with effective leads to the head, and he occasionally made the champion look far from being the greatest fighter of his day.

Only eleven seconds remained of the fifth round when Louis unleashed the finishing blow, a paralysing left hook to the stomach. Burman was counted out as he hung over the ropes, gripping his agonised body.—Router.

### H.K.C.C. IN TENNIS LEAGUE

Contrary to earlier expectations, Hong Kong Cricket Club have now found it possible to enter "A" Division of the Lawn Tennis League.

### LAWN BOWLS MEETING

A meeting of the Lawn Bowls Association Council was held at the offices of Messrs. Gande Price and Company yesterday. The President, Sir Atholl MacGregor, was in the chair and was supported by Mr. J. A. Fraser, Vice-President, and Mr. R. P. Phillips, Hon. Secretary. Representatives of clubs were also present.

League fixtures, drawn up by Mr. Taich, were approved. The Bowls season is scheduled to open on May 3.

The Chairman said there was an excellent response to the sweep conducted last year, and if it should be decided to hold another sweep he would be very pleased to undertake the treasurership again.

The following were elected members of the Special Competition Committee: The President or Vice-President, the Hon. Secretary, Messrs A. B. Allan, W. Gill, E. de Souza and V. Chittenden.

### PATERSON FANCIED TO BEAT LITTLE DADO

JACKIE PATERSON, the tough little fighting man from the Scottish shipyards, took a further lease of the Empire and British flyweight championships when he handed a crushing defeat to Paddy Ryan at Nottingham Ice Rink, writes a correspondent.

Although neither boxer offered Nottingham a local interest, Ryan being a Lancashire-fishman from Manchester, the arena was packed to capacity (6,000), and the crowd saw a thrilling, if somewhat one-way, battle.

Against Paterson's abnormally heavy punching, Ryan was fighting a hopeless cause from the early stages, but his grand spirit and gallantry in the face of the stiffest punishment electrified on-lookers.

Ryan was actually punched out of the ring in the sixth round. He was hit on the jaw by a swinging right that lifted him over the top rope and deposited him in a heap dead in front of my inside seat.

#### A Game Boxer

I watched him, unable to help for fear of getting him disqualified, shake himself back to life, wipe the blood from his mouth, and climb back for more, beating the count only by a split second.

He was beaten then, but the plucky fellow refused to admit it, and not only continued to trade punches with Paterson, but stayed with the champion till the eighth round, in spite of a further right-hand blow which knocked him sitting for a count of nine.

The referee stopped it, but not soon enough, in my opinion. He seemed to be leaving it to the "corner" to throw in the towel, while the towel-flappers were apparently expecting the referee to act. The result was that poor Ryan took at least 50 blows when in no condition to offer any worthwhile resistance.

There is no doubt that Paterson is a great fighter. Completely unorthodox with his right-foot-forward stance, his keenest admirer could not call him a clever boxer, but he is hard and tough. Ryan's best blows might have been slaps for all the effect they had. Paterson is also a terrifically fast worker, and how he can hit!

There is a knock-out in either hand, which is something one rarely finds in a flyweight. This win has given him a second claim on the current Lonsdale belt, which looks like passing permanently into his keeping in rapid time.

Paterson is also well fancied on this form to beat Little Dado, champion of America, if present plans to bring him here succeed. Obviously Paterson cannot go to New York for a world championship. Besides, he is engaged on the war shipbuilding programme.

### CHINESE GOVERNOR'S CUP TEAM

The following is the Federation team for the play off of the Governor's Cup competition on Sunday.

**Chinese:** Wing-choy, Tsang Chung-wan, Ng Kee-cheung, Lau Hung-choy, Hsu King-seng, Soong Ling-seng, Yeung Shun-yick, V. K. Hyu, Lee Wai-tong (Capt.), C. T. Tsao and Hau Chung-to.

**Managers:** See Po-wan and Lam Chung-ho.

The following have also been chosen for the match, between the Shanghai Chinese and the Hong Kong Chinese teams, in aid of a scholarship in memory of the late Chen Chen-wa (Dark Chen) well-known in Hong Kong and Shanghai football circles.

**Hong Kong Chinese:** Tam Kwan-kon, Hau Yung-sang, Tsang Chung-wan (Capt.), Kwok Ying-ki, Lam Tak-po, Soong Ling-seng, Yeung Shun-yick, Fung King-cheung, Chan Tak-tai, Lau Shu-wing and Hau Chung-to.

**Shanghai Chinese:** Cheung Wing-choy, Ng Kee-cheung, Yim Pse-yun, Lau Tai-chan, Hsu King-seng, Tsui Ah-tai, C. T. Tsao, Cheung Kam-hoi, Lee Wai-tong (Capt.), V. K. Hyu and Lee.

### FRIENDLY BILLIARDS

Club de Recreio beat Kowloon Cricket Club by four matches to two in a billiards and snooker contest last night.

#### BILLIARDS

J. O. Remedios 170 (34) beat F. Zimmerman 147 (35).

E. M. Soares 150 (31) beat J. H. Duncan 31.

J. C. Remedios 150 beat E. Curis 83.

#### SNOOKER

C. Cunha 80 lost to J. R. Luke 7 (22).

C. F. Rozario 73 (24) lost to C. Pope 145 (15).

A. F. Noronha 117 (25) beat E. C. Fincher 63.

### CHESS RESULTS

Results last night in the Colony Open Chess Championship tournaments were:

**Senior Championship:** — C. M. Sequeira beat G. S. Coxhead.

**Junior Championship:** — J. Hausz beat Wm. Lee, To Yu-lau beat R. C. Gardner.

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# PLYMOUTH FIRE BLITZ

## A War To Oust Hitler

"How we got into the war we shan't know entirely until we read history that is now hidden," says an editorial in the "Saturday Evening Post."

"We are in it. We are in it all together."

"Rightly we may say that we got into it and could have been got into it only because the great majority of us want one thing, no matter how violently we may have disagreed about the way of getting it."

"We want a world without Hitler. Here we hold with Winston Churchill, the mighty realist who is impatient with those who in the midst of battle clamour for a statement on war aims, a Government blueprint of a new order that is to come after Hitler. Reuter."

## NAZI AIR ACTIVITY OVER BRITAIN

There was some enemy air activity during daylight yesterday mainly in south-east England but no bombs were reported dropped in any area, says an Air Ministry communique.

British fighters shot down an enemy bomber into the Channel in the morning.

It is now known that two

## Lord Chatfield In The Raid

(By Reuter's Staff Correspondent in Plymouth)

Admiral of the Fleet Lord Chatfield watched from Government House, the fire blitz on Plymouth on Monday night, and yesterday toured the newly devastated areas.

Guest of the Commander-in-Chief, he kept himself informed of each phase of the raid during its progress and methods to meet the attack.

Lord Chatfield was on a visit to Plymouth to consult about awarding medals to civilian raid heroes in earlier attacks.

Undismayed, the townsfolk yesterday settled down to the task once more of cleaning up the city.

THIS TIME MANY BOMBS FELL ACROSS ROADWAYS. THEY CAUSED LITTLE DAMAGE BUT INCONVENIENCE. TRAFFIC BUT THERE WAS PLENTY OF WORK FOR DEMOLITION AND REPAIR PARTIES.

On the corner of what was once one of the proudest of Plymouth's thoroughfares, a man gazed with saddened eyes at the remains of a temporary building in which his staff was housed since the firm lost their entire premises and stock when the street was gutted in recent raids.

### To Build Again

Promising to build his business to its former pinnacle of "prestige and integrity," he added: "Our staff had not be workless. Hitler will never defeat us this way and the greater and more murderous his attacks the more complete is the public endurance and confidence of his victims." Reuter.

enemy bombers were destroyed by A.A. fire during Monday night's attack on Plymouth. Reuter.

## American Doctors Respond

Red Cross Headquarters in Washington was swamped yesterday with enquiries from American doctors in respond to the call for volunteers to go to England.

Two hundred applications were received yesterday and the Red Cross office in Los Angeles was also reported swamped.

One doctor wired from Chicago: "Bag packed. Ready to leave. When, where, do I report?" while others asked "Please wire information on procedure. We are ready to handle our part of the job."

One doctor flew to Washington from New York in order to volunteer personally.

The Red Cross in Washington increased their staff by ten in order to handle applications and make arrangements for doctors to proceed to England. Reuter.

## WITHDRAWAL TO NEW DEFENCES COMPLETED

(Continued from Page 1)

a magnificent job of work, blowing up bridges under heavy roads, and materially delaying land and air attack, mining the onrush of the German panzer detachments.

In Larissa, there was deadly street fighting in which the Australians covered themselves with glory.

Before the grim battle in Larissa was over, the Germans had surrounded the town with tank units, but the Australians refused to capitulate, smashed their way through the German cordon and rejoined their division.

Two companies of New Zealanders held up enormous German forces for three days at a vital pass. International News Service.

### The Stubborn Greeks

Greek resistance is described by Italian war correspondents as "exceptionally stubborn" according to a Milan telegram to the "Neue Zürcher" in Zurich yesterday.

"The Greeks are clever in their use of terrain and well prepared defences," say these correspondents, adding: "Systematic destruction of all routes available for attackers gives the Greek rearguards, comprising several divisions, advantages which the Italians can only overcome by tremendous efforts and sacrifices." Reuter.

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### DEATH

EDWARD.—On April 22nd at Struan Private Hospital, Sydney, Australia, Kathleen Pamela, dearly beloved wife of D. S. Edward, P.W.D., Hong Kong. (By cable).

## U.S. OBSERVER KILLED IN EGYPT

Colonel Gerald Brower, United States military and air observer, has been killed in Egypt, it was announced in Washington yesterday, says Reuter.

## GERTRUDE DRAYTON KILLED

The death by enemy action is announced of Gertrude Drayton, Secretary of the Victoria League and well-known to thousands of Far East students in Britain. Reuter.

## Means Little In Long Run

In the final result the Yugoslav catastrophe means little, says the Swedish newspaper "Goteborg Posten."

From the outbreak of war till March 27, Yugoslavia was a German and Italian paddy, economically quite at the disposal of the Axis. Now it will be under the German war economy.

But after the destruction of the country and the dislike and hate which will develop, Yugoslavia will hardly be more valuable as a purveyor. Reuter.

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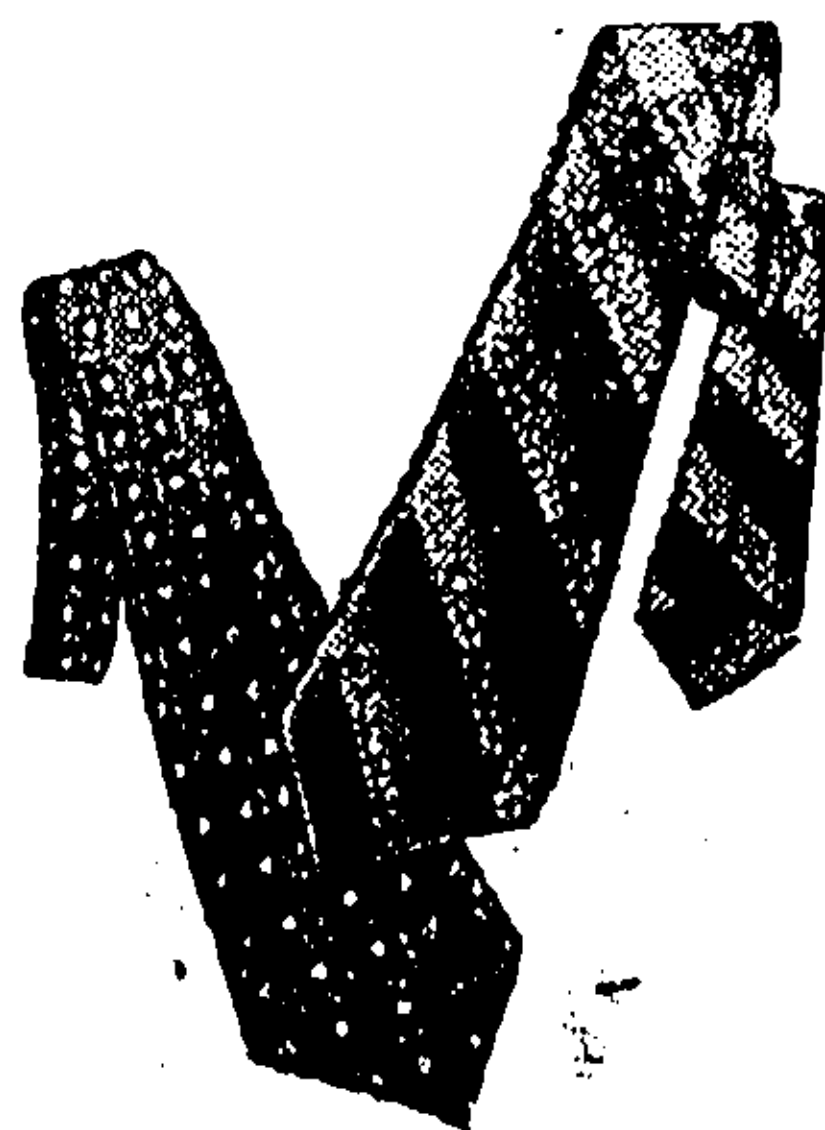


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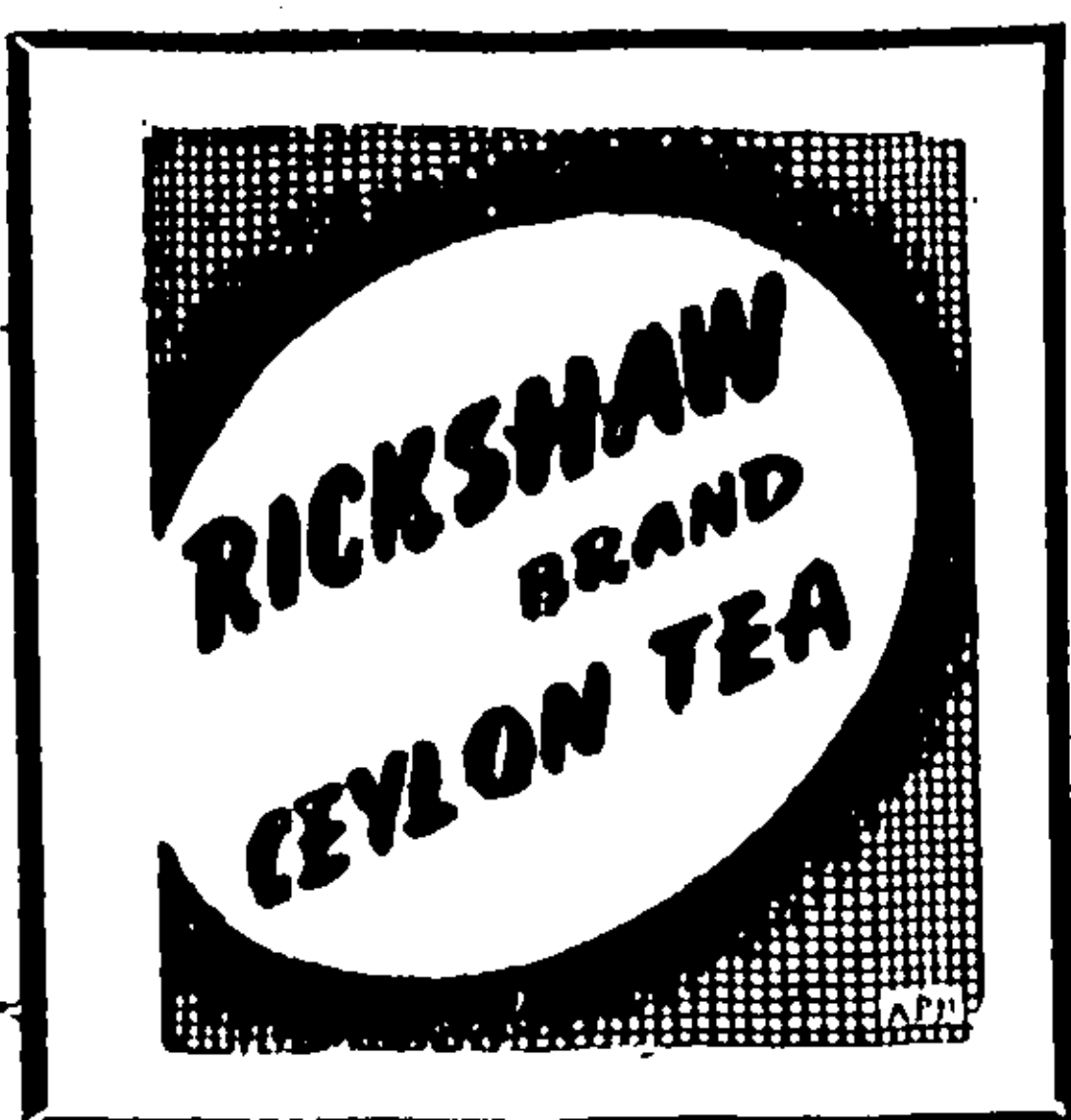
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## WITHDRAWAL TO NEW DEFENCES COMPLETED

### NAZI ARMS SHIP BLOWN UP

Naval aircraft have torpedoed a tanker, a supply ship and an ammunition ship recently, all of which were intended for the enemy armies in the Balkans, it was officially announced in London yesterday.

In addition a large tanker was hit by torpedoes and probably sunk off the Norwegian coast by the Free French submarine "Minerve."

The tanker was of about 10,000 tons, the supply ship about 6,000 tons and the ammunition ship about 7,000 tons.

The ammunition ship blew up with a tremendous explosion and columns of smoke and fire rose 3,000 feet into the air.

One of our aircraft is missing from these operations. —Reuter.

### ITALIAN ARMY GIVING BATTLE NEAR DESSIE

The Italian northern army in Abyssinia has "turned" and given battle in front of Dessie, according to a despatch from a special correspondent with the South African forces, says Reuter from Johannesburg.

## ITALIANS TURN AND FIGHT ON DESSIE ROAD

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent with the South African Forces in Abyssinia on the Dessie Road)

**THE BATTLE FOR DESSIE GOES ON. THE ITALIANS WHO HAVE TURNED AND GIVEN FIGHT ARE SHOWING MOST STUBBORN RESISTANCE SINCE THE BATTLE OF KEREN.**

South Africans are fighting in bitter cold at night and in tropical heat by day. Their clothes are torn to shreds by thorn bushes and they are frequently drenched to the skin by torrential thunderstorms.

Through all this they are anxious to get at grips with the remnants of the Italian Northern Army.

The Italians occupy a strong defensive position where a semi-circular mountain ridge commands a straight stretch of road across the plateau.

Italian big guns in concrete emplacements on the top of the saddle back Mountain have poured out a heavy barrage which has cut furrows in the "Victory Way" over which South African troops have been chasing the enemy tearing at breakneck speed back over every hard-won milestone of the 1935 campaign.

Shells whistled overhead while South African guns were rushed ahead in an attempt to silence the enemy batteries. Italian fire

was controlled from Abyssinian posts cleverly concealed among the mountain peaks.

#### Artillery Battle

The battle is developing into a ding-dong artillery duel. Frequent thunderstorms drown the roar of the battle and drench troops to the skin.

A few days ago, one battle was fought at the height of nearly 9,000 feet. The cold was intense.

The difficulties in fighting an almost invisible enemy, strongly entrenched in a country like a scenic railway, may probably slightly delay the Imperial advance but the officers of the Imperial forces are confident that the Italians will be dislodged when their troops are able to get at closer grips. —Reuter.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

**DESPITE THE MOST VIOLENT AIR BLITZ UNLEASHED OVER ANY BALKAN BATTLEFIELD, THE ALLIES HAVE COMPLETED A BRILLIANT WITHDRAWAL TO NEW LINES, WHERE THEY ARE FIGHTING VALIANTLY TO STEM THE GENERAL GERMAN OFFENSIVE ON ATHENS.**

The Greeks and British, according to a Budapest radio report picked up in New York, have completed the establishment of yet a third line of defence running from the Gulf of Lamia west to the Gulf of Anrakia, about 90 miles long.

## KEEPING ENGLAND GOING

"The war can only be won by keeping the defence of the existing system of Democracy going—and that defence is England."

So President Roosevelt told a press conference at the White House yesterday, adding: "the war cannot be won by one sea-fight or by one retreat in Greece or even in the whole of the Mediterranean."

He replied in the affirmative to a questioner who asked whether he was confident that the defence of England would be kept going.

"Certainly," he said, "there will be no lessening of shipments of war materials to England."

Asked whether the question of convoys now had to be considered, President Roosevelt remarked cryptically that he did not live at Delphi (the place of the legendary Greek Oracle.)

He described as "too glittering" a further inquiry as to whether any steps were being undertaken to protect "the bridge of ships." —Reuter.

## MOVE TO TAKE OVER IDLE SHIPS

Legislation authorising the U.S. Government to take over and operate "any foreign vessel lying idle" in United States waters has been introduced by the chairman of the House Merchant Marine Committee.

The legal and international angles of the situation were discussed by the committee at a lengthy secret sitting. —Reuter.

### RED CROSS SHIPS SUNK BY NAZIS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The destruction of a ship bearing a \$120,000 Red Cross relief cargo to Greece, and a four-week silence from a second vessel, carrying a \$2,000,000 Red Cross shipment to Athens, was disclosed in Washington yesterday.

It was the first specific loss of any Red Cross cargo through acts of warfare revealed since the beginning of hostilities.

A Red Cross official said the Greek freighter "Gregoris," loaded with drugs, blankets, clothing and food for discharge at Athens, was lost "somewhere in the south Atlantic three weeks ago."

There was no information whether the ship was sunk by torpedo or mine, he added.

Another Greek freighter, the "Cassandra Louloilis," en route to Athens with a \$2,000,000 Red Cross cargo, had not been heard of for four weeks, the official declared. —International News Service.

#### RAIDS ON MALTA

British fighter planes destroyed an enemy aircraft and probably destroyed another during a raid over Malta on Monday afternoon.

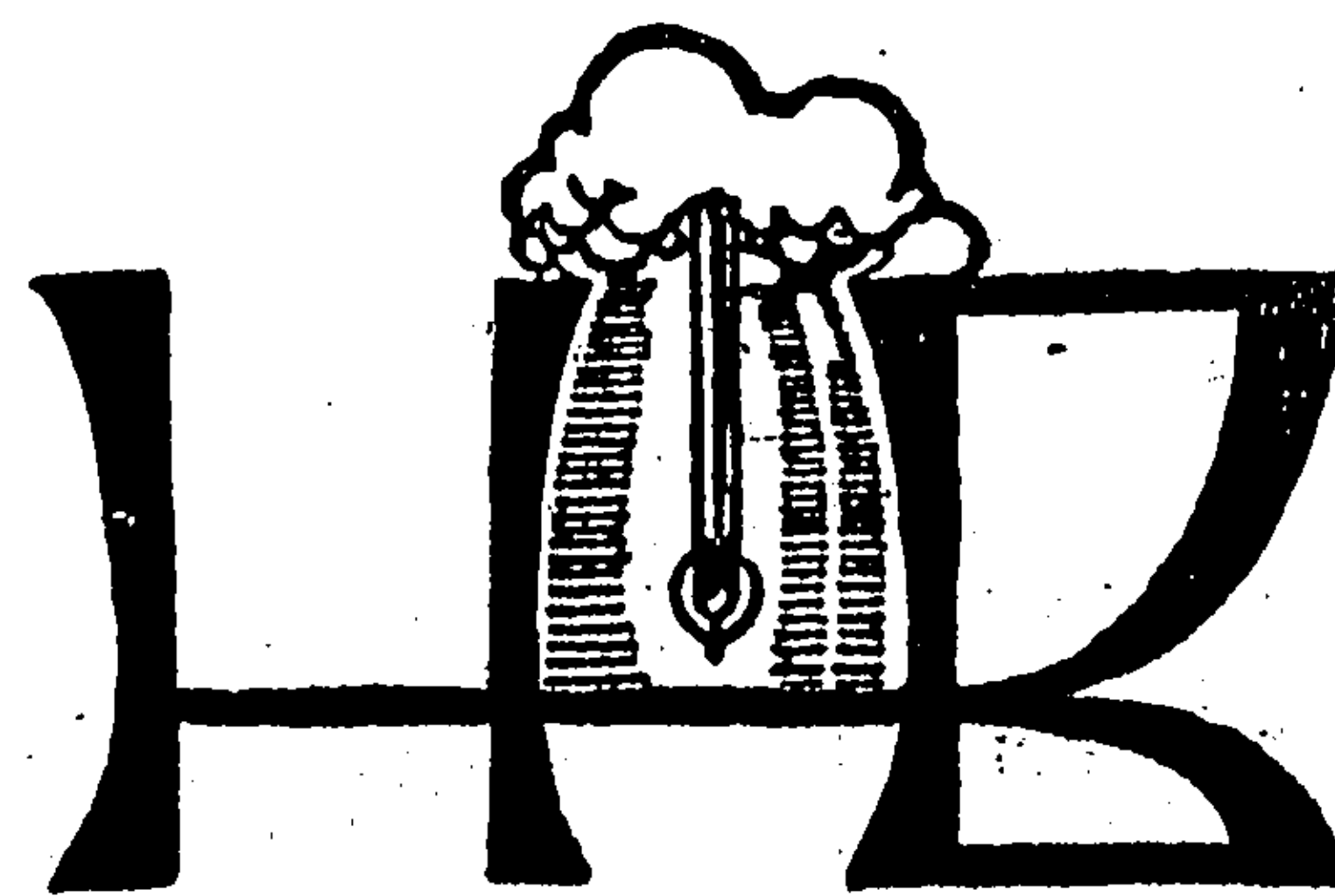
There were two more raids during the night and another raid yesterday afternoon, in which bombs were dropped but no serious damage or casualties are reported. —Reuter.

#### Thrilling Stories

Meanwhile, thrilling stories of the heroism of British and Australian troops covering the retirement of the main force to their new lines are coming through slowly.

A unit of Royal Engineers did a magnificent job of work. (Continued on Page 16)

HAVE AN H.B.—



—AND THEN TRY!



# Premier Opposes Requests For Debate On Greek Crisis

## ABILITY TO TAKE ROUGH WITH THE SMOOTH

MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL SAID HE HAD LITTLE TO SAY AT THE PRESENT JUNCTURE WHEN HE WAS INVITED IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY, UPON THE RESUMPTION OF PARLIAMENT AFTER THE EASTER RECESS, TO MAKE A STATEMENT ABOUT THE WAR POSITION.

The Prime Minister pointed out that operations of many kinds were going on "and we have others to think of besides ourselves."

He deprecated any proposal for a debate at present and hoped the House would again show forbearance to those who were charged with the conduct of the war and would display to the world those qualities of poise and steadiness which had been its characteristics on so many difficult and anxious occasions.

Only piece of news Mr. Churchill had was about Monday's bombardment of Tripoli which lasted 42 minutes and inflicted very heavy damage on the port and shipping in the harbour.

He added that on the way there our naval aircraft intercepted five German troop-carrying planes and shot down four in flames.

"I have not yet heard whether they were full or empty," he added.

The Fleet was not seriously molested and suffered no loss in ships.

### Australian Anxiety

Mr. Hore-Belisha intervened and emphasised that while the House was not desirous of embarrassing operations, urged the necessity for an early debate.

He drew attention to the anxiety expressed in Australia at the lack of authentic news and suggested that Mr. Eden might make a statement on his recent visit to the Middle East.

In the meantime, Mr. Hore-Belisha asked whether it was true that the Germans had occupied Samothrace.

MR. CHURCHILL SAID IT WAS NOT UNLIKELY BUT HE WAS WITHOUT DIRECT INFORMATION.

Mr. Churchill deprecated a statement by Mr. Eden at present because material was not available for presentation of the Government case.

Lord Winterton pressed the question and alluded to the position in Iraq and Spain.

### Not Convenient

Mr. Churchill said it was one for debate on foreign affairs but to have a statement on Mr. Eden's tour at the present moment would not be convenient for the House or in the public interest.

Sir Archibald Southby asked for a statement on Libya because "people are getting exercised in mind, and a statement would reassure them."

Mr. Churchill replied that unlike the situation in Greece, we were very accurately informed about what was occurring in Libya.

At this point, a member interjected "Greece is more important."

### No Comparisons

There was some dissent and the Premier continued: "I don't think we should embark on comparisons among the different classes of dangerous duties undertaken by His Majesty's forces." (Cheers).

He did not, however, think any statement about Libya would be appropriate now or for some little time to come.

Mr. Ernest Shinwell (Lab.) suggested a statement in secret, "to remove some of the uneasiness which exists."

MR. CHURCHILL FLATLY DISAGREED THAT THERE WAS ANY PUBLIC UNEASINESS.

"The public are showing all those qualities of stability and phlegm when things are not going well which have made us what we are and have earned us this far on our journey."—Reuter.

### Scanty Information

Replying to a question the Prime Minister said it was quite obvious that once the situation reaches momentary arrest, a full statement should be made to the House as to what has happened in the past.

As to the criticisms of the scanty information being given meanwhile, he must frankly say that they had had the very greatest difficulty in obtaining full accounts of the difficult and intricate movements of our forces in Greece.

"They have been of the most complicated character and carried out with extraordinary skill, but even the Government have not received from day to day full information from the commanders."

"There has not been any hindrance to the course of action or operation, and I have asked that we shall have fuller reports, if possible, without prejudice to the interests on the spot in future."—British Wireless.

## NAVAL SUPPORT URGED

Support of British sea-power in the Atlantic is more than necessary for defence of the western hemisphere, writes Walter Lippmann, the American columnist.

The decision to defend Greenland proves this conclusively. Only reason we are now able to undertake the defence of Greenland is that the British Isles stand unconquered with their navy between Greenland and Hitler's Europe.

Were Britain to fall, Greenland would fall too.

If we are unable to hold the outposts, of which by all odds the greatest is the British Isles, the positions we have to defend will become bases for attack.—Reuter.



The Post Office are employing girl messengers to deliver telegrams in towns and villages in which it is impossible to obtain enough boys. The girls will be attached only to offices where women are employed. Uniform is provided—a winter coat, skirt, felt hat, south-wester, waterproof cape and shoes and gaiters. Photo shows the telegram boy and girl of to-day. (Copyright, Fox).

## SHANGHAI CINEMAS' UNION

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") EMPLOYEES OF SHANGHAI CINEMAS HAVE ORGANISED A UNION AND HAVE MADE DEMANDS FOR AN INCREASE IN WAGES. A SHOWDOWN IN THE DISPUTE IS NEAR.

Commercial Press workers in Shanghai yesterday threatened to strike unless their demands for an increase were granted.

According to the police 36 strikes occurred in Shanghai during March, involving 6,000 workers.—International News Service.

## NEW TAX PLAN KEPT A SECRET

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Republican members of the U. S. House of Representatives Ways and Means Committee yesterday demanded that full information be given the public on the Treasury's drastic proposals to raise \$3,500,000,000 in new taxes.

The demand was made after the Democratic Party slapped a gag on the Treasury's proposals, to prevent any member from disclosing the rates taxpayers may have to bear at the beginning of the new fiscal year.—International News Service.



Certain trains of the L.N.E.R. now include a modern buffet car exclusively reserved for serving light refreshments to members of H.M. forces. This new facility is an experiment by the railway in cooperation with the Army Welfare Department, the Salvation Army and Y.M.C.A. It means the troops get buffet service at canteen prices and will be extended if successful. Photo shows a scene in the buffet car on the King's Cross to Edinburgh express. (Copyright, Fox).

## R.A.F. POUNDING AWAY AT NAZIS IN LIBYA

R.A.F. BOMBERS made heavy attacks on Derne, Gazala and aerodromes in Libya on Monday, states an Air Ministry communique recording undiminished activity against enemy positions in which damage and a large number of casualties were inflicted.

Bombs burst among planes aground and fires revealed a number were destroyed. Motor transport concentrations at Bardia and Capuzzo were bombed and machine-gunned and a number of explosions observed among the vehicles.

During patrols R.A.F. fighters encountered Messerschmidts. One rammed an enemy aircraft which crashed. The British plane sustained some damage, but was safely landed by the pilot.

About 10 tons of bombs were dropped from a low altitude on Tripoli harbour in a raid on Sunday night and Monday morning.

Hits were observed on the harbour and military buildings near Karamanli mole. Many large fires were started and these were bombed again to prevent their being extinguished.—Reuter.

## THE R.A.F.'S TECHNICAL SUPERIORITY

An R.A.F. Middle East bulletin states that the superiority of R.A.F. fighter aircraft over German aircraft of all types, which already has been abundantly demonstrated in Europe, is still proved satisfactorily in the Middle East.

Since the beginning of the year 122 enemy aircraft have been shot down, including 88 used for dive-bombing and carrying highly-trained crews.

German fighters have been shot down with the same regularity as Italian.

Over 50 Messerschmidt 109's and 110's have been destroyed since they appeared on the Middle East front.

The figures are the more remarkable in view of the fact that R.A.F. losses in the first three months of the year were only 62, and in a great many cases the pilots were saved.—Reuter.

## ST. LAWRENCE POWER PROJECT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

In a further move to solidify joint United States-Canadian defence efforts, President Roosevelt is expected to deliver a special message to Congress in a few days urging all possible speed in approving the St. Lawrence power project.—International News Service.

## NEW LIGHT ON RUMANIA

Hitler's attitude to General Antonescu, the Rumanian Premier, was referred to by Baron von Killinger, German Ambassador in Bucharest, in an address to the German colony in the Rumanian capital on Hitler's birthday.

According to the Rumanian news agency, Killinger said Antonescu continued to be considered by the Fuehrer and the German people as representative of Rumania, and the Reich would uphold him in his actions "for the good of his country and the maintenance of friendship between Germany and Rumania."

There have recently been reports of friction between the Nazi authorities and General Antonescu.—Reuter.



# GERMAN DIPLOMATIC OFFENSIVE

## Trying To Cash In On Advance In The Balkans

### Pressure Upon Vichy And Madrid

(By Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent)

**THERE HAS BEEN A REMARKABLE RE-CRUDESCENCE OF GERMANY'S DIPLOMATIC OFFENSIVE IN THE PAST FEW DAYS WHICH SUGGESTS THAT SHE IS TRYING TO CASH IN AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE ON HER SUCCESSES IN THE BALKANS AND LIBYA.**

It is all part of the war of nerves in the use of which the Germans have shown themselves very expert.

The diplomatic activities of Germany in the past few days have been of a nature which suggests that she is trying to cash in as quickly as possible on her successes in the Balkans and Libya.

In the east both German Ambassadors from Moscow and Ankara have been summoned to Berlin, so until they return to their posts German pressure may not be fully exerted.

IN VICHY, HOWEVER, THERE IS REASON TO BELIEVE THAT HITLER THINKS THE TIME HAS COME TO PUT HIS CARDS ON THE TABLE.

#### Offers To France

Reports received from various channels, concerning an outline of concessions offered to France, but are more reticent as to German demands in exchange for these concessions, which would include reduced payment of expenses for the German troops of occupation, release of a quarter of the total number of war prisoners, and rectification of the frontier between occupied and unoccupied France.

But there is nothing definite as to the other side of the picture except of rumours of the right of passage of troops to Spain.

#### Chief Concern

It is obvious, however, that Germany's chief concern is still the fleet and French naval bases in the Mediterranean, and these questions in one shape or other must underlie any deal between Otto Abetz and Admiral Darlan who is reported to be going to Paris once again.

Madrid, according to these same channels of German inspiration, is being once again pressed to join the Axis and allow the passage of German troops to assault Gibraltar.

The Germans apparently feel the time has come to make a big effort to close this, and of course the Mediterranean, and establish air and submarine bases on our lines of communication to the Cape and South America. — Reuter.

### HEROINES OF THE HOSPITALS

Sterling deeds of heroism among bombed hospitals were legion, the Health Minister, Mr. Ernest Brown, declared addressing a Mansion House Hospitals Day Meeting in London yesterday.

Mr. Brown told "the simple but wonderful" story of a hospital telephone girl.

Though lying pinned under debris she carried on her duties

### British Empire Medal

"The British Empire Medal," as a military and civil award, has been instituted as an amendment of the statutes of the Order of the British Empire, promulgated in the London Gazette last night.

The medal will be of silver, bearing on the obverse a representation of Britannia and the motto of the Order with the words, "For Meritorious Service" and on the reverse the Royal and Imperial cypher and the words, "Instituted by King George the Fifth."

The new medal takes the place of the medal of the Order that was abolished when the George Cross was instituted. — Reuter.

### MATSUOKA ON JAPAN'S POLICY OF PEACE

MR. MATSUOKA, THE Japanese Foreign Minister, declared to Japanese pressmen in Tokyo yesterday that "it should be quite clear that Japan is following a peaceful policy."

"The United States is posing as the champion of peace. If that is so I am sure that Americans will recognise Japan's peaceful policy once America understands our true intentions."

Asked as to future diplomatic developments centring round conclusion of the Neutrality Treaty with the Soviet, Mr. Matsuoka sidestepped the question by saying: "I am not in a position to say anything beyond what has been announced, especially as to future developments. I leave it to you to make your own comment."

and dealt with 122 calls while in that position.

Mr. Brown declared Hitler's campaign of terrorism would always fall against people who stick to their duty, a job to be done, whatever may happen. — Reuter.

### HITLER MESSAGE TO PETAIN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

It was reported in Vichy yesterday that Hitler has sent a personal message to Marshal Petain offering "intensive collaboration" as a possible prelude to permanent peace.

Simultaneously it was rumoured that Pierre Laval may be restored to the Government soon as a member of a partially reconstructed Cabinet.

Informed Berlin quarters declared that "while Laval's return to the Vichy Cabinet would undoubtedly be desirable, all speculations on such a possibility at present are untimely."

It is noted that the collaboration rumours followed the two-day Cabinet meeting in Madrid, leading to the belief that Spain's role in the war may soon be more clearly defined, with implications affecting Gibraltar.

As part of the projected closer Franco-German cooperation Hitler is said to have offered to release and return 500,000 war prisoners, mostly farmers, to France. International News Service.

### \$2,000,000 JEWEL HAUL IN SHANGHAI

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Jewels worth \$2,000,000 were stolen from Madame Garnett's dressmaking shop in the Cathay Hotel in Shanghai over the week-end.

A Chinese servant acknowledged his guilt in a letter received yesterday by Madame Garnett, who is the wife of L. Riggio, Shanghai's Fascist leader. International News Service.

### BANK EMPLOYEES LEAVING JOBS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The crisis facing the four Chungking banks in Shanghai continues to be grave as more employees of the banks quit for safer jobs, despite the Chungking Government assurance that no date has yet been set for reopening of the banks.

Business circles express pessimism over the future outlook. — International News Service.

### MARSHAL PETAIN'S ATTITUDE

German relations with Spain and with the Vichy Government are being closely watched in Zurich.

The Berlin correspondent of the "Neue Zürcher Zeitung" calls attention to the increasingly anti-British tendency of the Spanish press. This, he says, is being followed in Berlin "with the greatest interest although official circles so far have declined to make any comment."

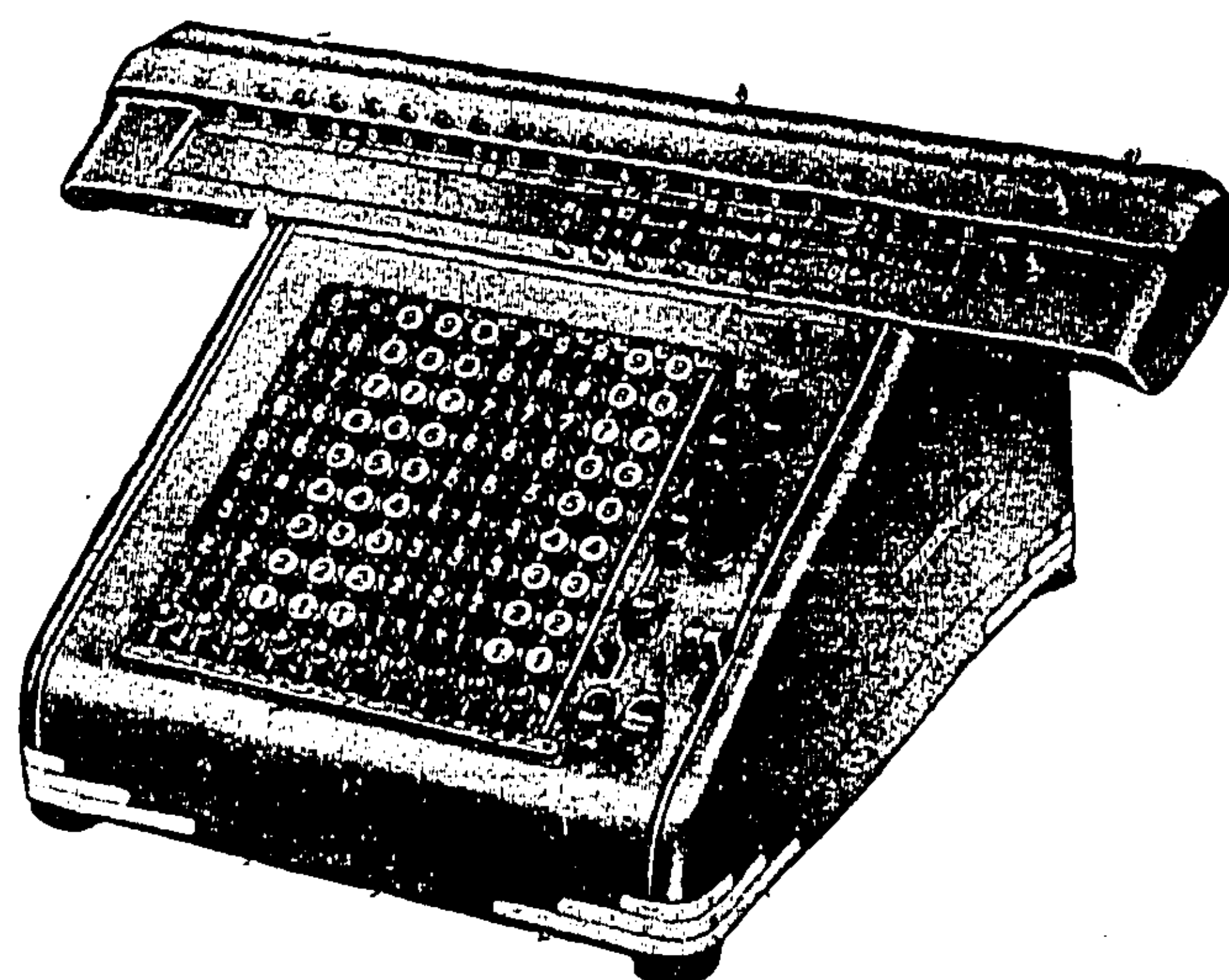
NOTHING IS KNOWN IN ZURICH OF ANY GERMAN PROPOSALS FOR PASSAGE OF GERMAN TROOPS THROUGH UNOCCUPIED FRANCE AND SPAIN, BUT IT IS BELIEVED THAT THEY ARE ANXIOUS TO SECURE GENERAL WEYGAND'S RECALL REGARDING HIM AS THE OBSTACLE TO THEIR HOPES OF USING FRENCH NORTH AFRICAN PORTS AS BASES FOR MILITARY OPERATIONS.

Meanwhile, Franco-German industrial cooperation is being lightened by the grant of many orders to French firms for war material and other goods for Germany.

Whatever Admiral Darlan's inclinations may be, however, there is no evidence that Marshal Petain has altered his standpoint of refusing any military or naval concessions to Germany which might involve France in war with Britain. — Reuter.

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#### No Conflict Of Pacts

Regarding reinforcement of the Tripartite Alliance and his relationship with the Neutrality Pact, Mr. Matsuoka said "The Tripartite Pact cannot be strengthened any further. The Neutrality Pact does not in the least conflict with the Tripartite Pact."

He added the Neutrality Pact would have a favourable effect on such pending issues as the conclusion of a trade treaty and settlement of the fishery issue with the Soviet Union. — Reuter.



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# INDIA'S FUTURE: IN WAR, IN PEACE AND IN FREEDOM

INDIA COULD PRODUCE 2,000,000 FIGHTING MEN, SAID MR. L. S. AMERY, SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INDIA, SPEAKING IN THE DEBATE IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY ON INDIA.

Unfortunately, he added, that was not enough. He pointed out that the Yugoslav army, "a million of the bravest soldiers in the world," was scattered and broken by the armoured divisions of German foresight and determination on war — while we, in our self-delusion, allowed the locusts to eat precious years we were now trying to retrieve for ourselves and India.

In these matters India was dependent upon us and upon America also and could only slowly make good what ought to have been made good in previous years.

Every effort was being made in that direction. The establishment in India of the Eastern Group Supply Council and a central provision depot for all theatres of war in that part of the world was important now and might be of immense consequence if the war developed in certain directions which we could not foresee.

## India's Freedom

India's speedy attainment of the fullest measure of freedom is desired by all parties in Britain, declared Mr. Amery, but he emphasised "It is for Indian statesmen to find that measure of agreement which is indispensable if we on our side are to make our further contribution towards completion of our own task in India, a task of joining with them in crowning peace and unity with freedom."

Mr. Amery was submitting resolutions which were passed unanimously, extending for another 12 months the proclamation issued under the India Act, empowering the governor of a province to assume the powers vested in the provincial authorities if he was satisfied a situation had arisen in which parliamentary government could not carry on in accordance with the Act.

He recalled that this situation arose in October, 1939, owing to the action of the Congress executive in ordering Congress ministries to resign.

## Provincial Government

He reminded the House that these resolutions concerned Assam, Sindh and the Punjab, with a population of about 100,000,000 people—one-third of the whole population of British India—provincial self-government continued to work uninterruptedly under composite governments, including Moslem and Hindu ministers.

## "High Command"

Turning to the remaining seven provinces which Mr. Amery said had been forbidden to build up a practice and tradition in self-government "by the ukase of the Congress High Command," the electors had shown no signs of distress at the suspension of Parliamentary government.

"The change to direct personal government by Governors and permanent officials had met with general acquiescence and indeed goodwill.

Whatever political unrest there may be in India to-day

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## CONTINUOUS R.A.F. RAIDS IN GREECE

An R.A.F. communique states that R.A.F. bombers have made heavy and continuous attacks on enemy-occupied aerodromes in Northern Greece.

Many fires broke out on the aerodromes at the sides where a number of aircraft were destroyed on the ground.

At another aerodrome, three large explosions were caused by the bombing and our bombers then machine-gunned aircraft on the ground.

Motor transport columns near Veria were also machine-gunned. Some damage was caused to R.A.F. aerodromes by enemy attacks.

It is now confirmed that in air combats on April 20, twenty-two German aircraft were destroyed by our fighters and twenty by the ground defences — making an increase of six on those claimed in the earlier communique. — British Wireless.

of particular policies. — British Wireless.

Referring to the civil disobedience campaign, Mr. Amery said that on the whole the movement had proceeded languidly without evoking much popular interest except in the United Provinces, which in recent months had contributed more than half the offences.

By the middle of March some 7,000 offenders were convicted, of whom some 6,000 were still in prison. The whole business was regrettable but Government had no alternative but to enforce the law. — Reuter.

has certainly not arisen in any way from the suspension of provincial self-government. There had been no discontinuity or abrupt reversal in either administrative or legislative policy."

## Three Responsibilities

Mr. Amery then discussed the action of Congress which he described as "complete disregard displayed by the most powerful Indian party for the responsibilities of self-government."

The responsibility of Parliamentary government, he continued, was threefold—first, the general duty of maintaining the substantial continuity and efficiency of government; second, the responsibility of Parliament as institution, relying upon the authority of the Chairman or Speaker and upon the rights of minorities which were in his keeping thirdly, and subject to these other dominating responsibilities, the responsibility of the government to its supporters in Parliament for the promotion

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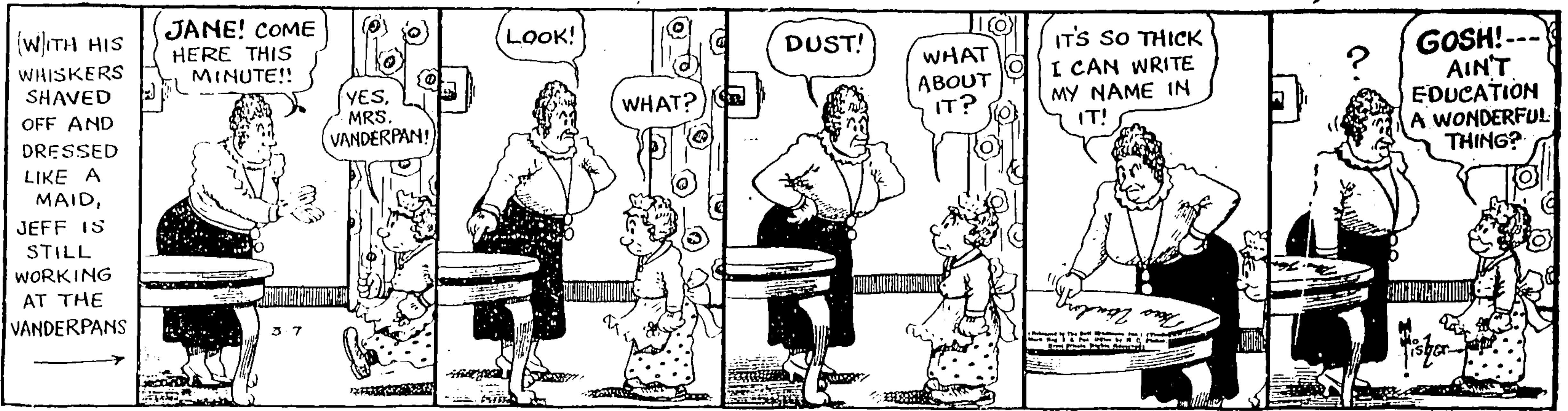
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# O'GRADY NOT TO DIE

Mrs. O'Grady, forty-two-year-old British housewife, who was sentenced to death at Hampshire Assizes for treachery, has successfully appealed. The convictions on the capital charges under the Treachery Act and the death sentence were quashed, but she was sentenced to fourteen years' penal servitude on other counts.

Her husband, L.C.C. fireman and ex-sailor, who was dismayed and astonished when he heard of the charges against his wife, was present at her appeal. He was present at the Central Criminal Court, and when it was decided to hear the appeal in camera, an application for Mr. O'Grady to be admitted was granted.

While she was in prison on remand, Mrs. O'Grady had refused to see her husband, Dorothy Pamela O'Grady, of Sandown, Isle of Wight, was present in the dock to hear the arguments in support of her appeal. She answered her name in a quiet, steady voice.

## Nine Charges

At the conclusion of the judgment, which was delivered in camera, Lord Caldecote announced, in open court:

"The conviction on the two capital charges under the Treachery Act has been quashed, and sentence has been passed by the Court on charges on which the appellant was convicted, but on which the Judge passed no sentence."

"This Court has passed a sentence of fourteen years' penal servitude on the counts other than those under the Treachery Act."

It had been alleged that Mrs. O'Grady, in the Isle of Wight, made a plan likely to be of assistance to the military operations of the enemy, and that, with intent to help the enemy, she cut a military telephone wire.

She answered nine charges under the Treachery Act, the Official Secrets Act and the Defence Regulations.

## REINFORCEMENTS REACH MANILA

More than two thousand American troops arrived in Manila yesterday morning on the transport "Republic."

Fourteen hundred men, comprising the 16th and 60th Coast Artillery will reinforce the garrison of Fort Mills at Corregidor, and the remainder are replacements.

The "Republic" is taking a large number of army and naval families home.—Reuter.

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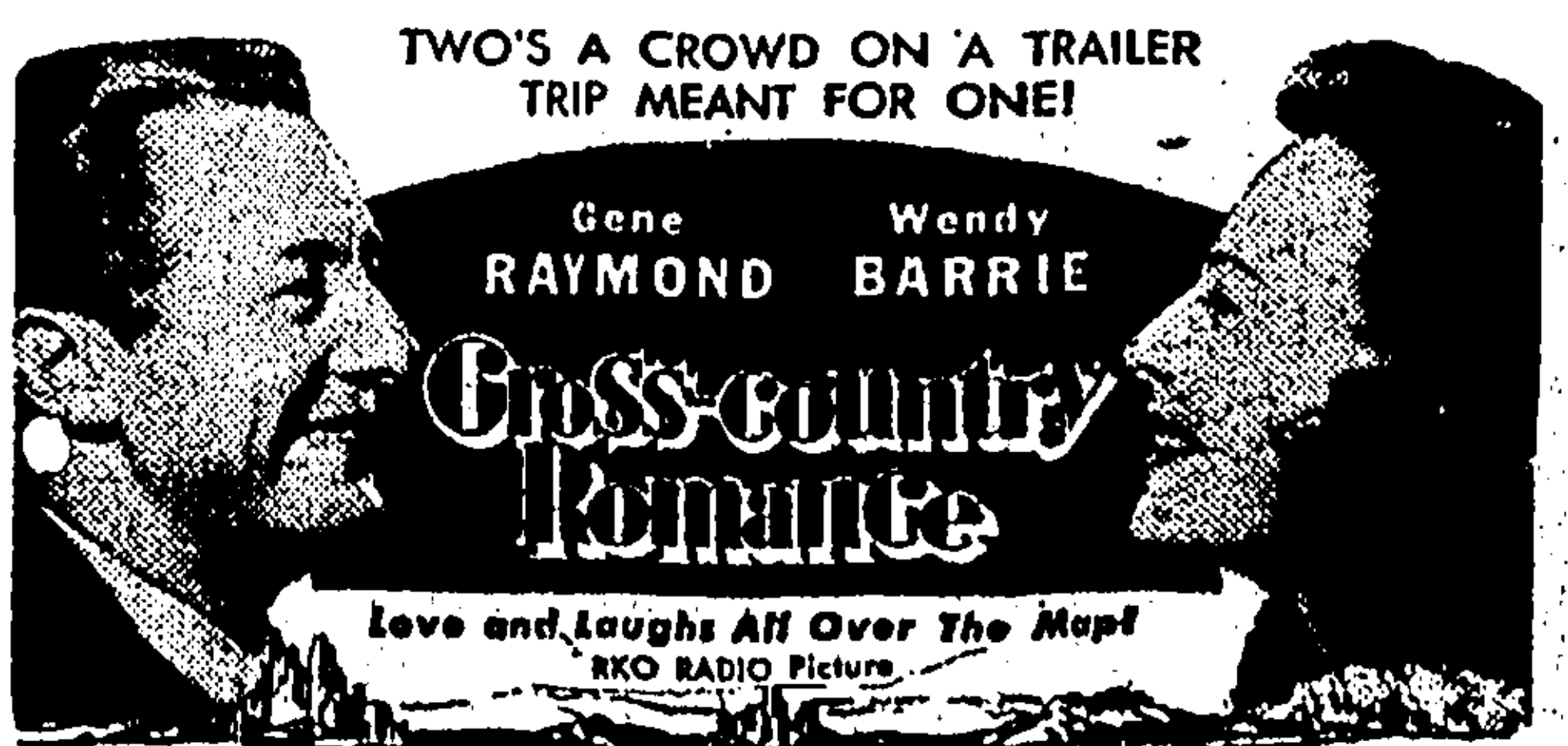
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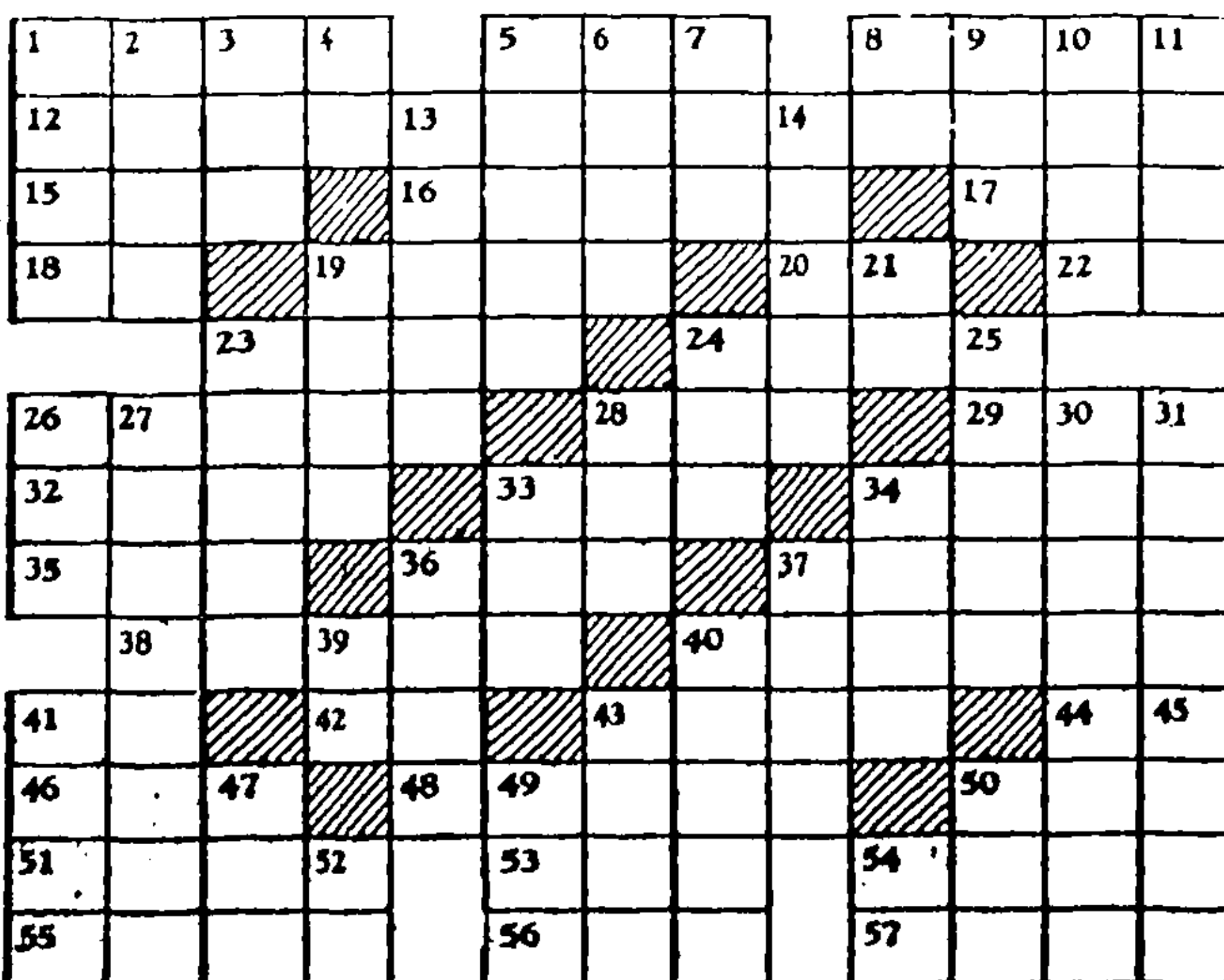


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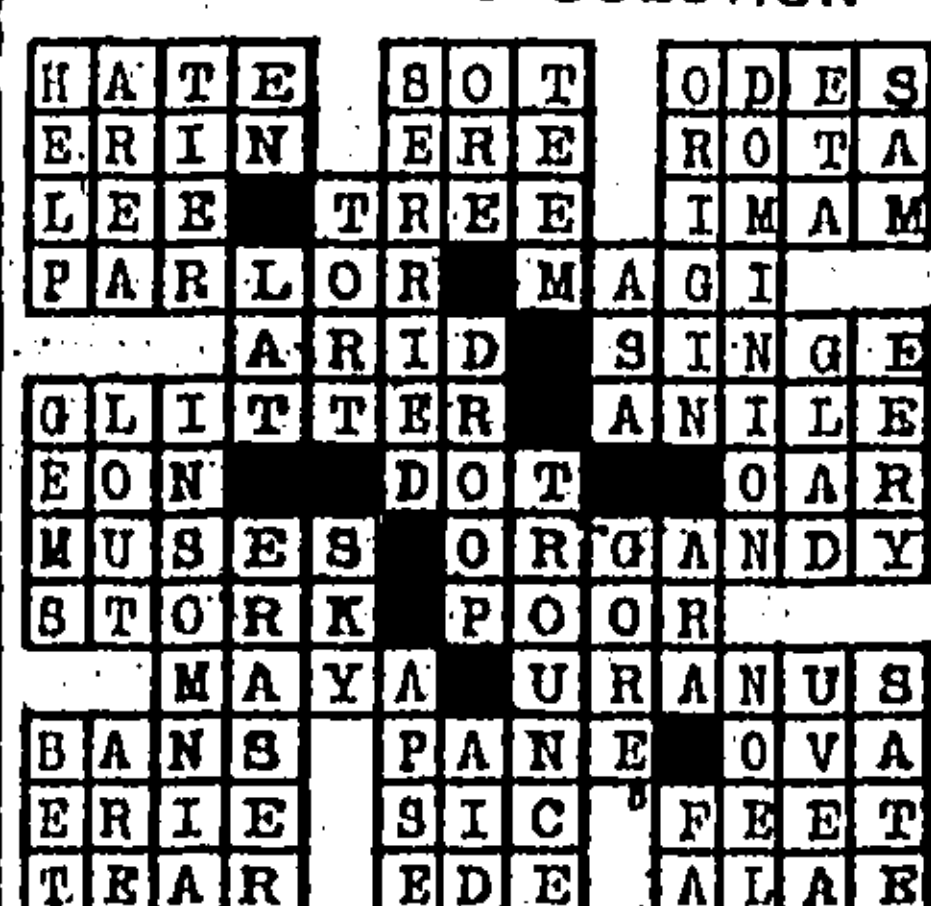
### HORIZONTAL

- 1 To glide
- 5 Faucet
- 8 To depend
- 12 Tireless
- 15 Beverage
- 16 To make amends
- 17 To spar
- 18 Possessive pronoun
- 19 Snare
- 20 Printer's measure
- 22 Latin conjunction
- 23 Timidity
- 24 Former ruler
- 26 Tendency
- 28 Digit
- 29 Ovum
- 32 Retained
- 33 Male child
- 34 River in Spain
- 35 The self
- 36 Animal's foot
- 37 Fold
- 38 To contract
- 40 Allotted
- 41 Part of "to be"
- 42 Land measure
- 43 Part of a clarinet
- 44 Above
- 46 Ghetto sea-god
- 48 To rub out

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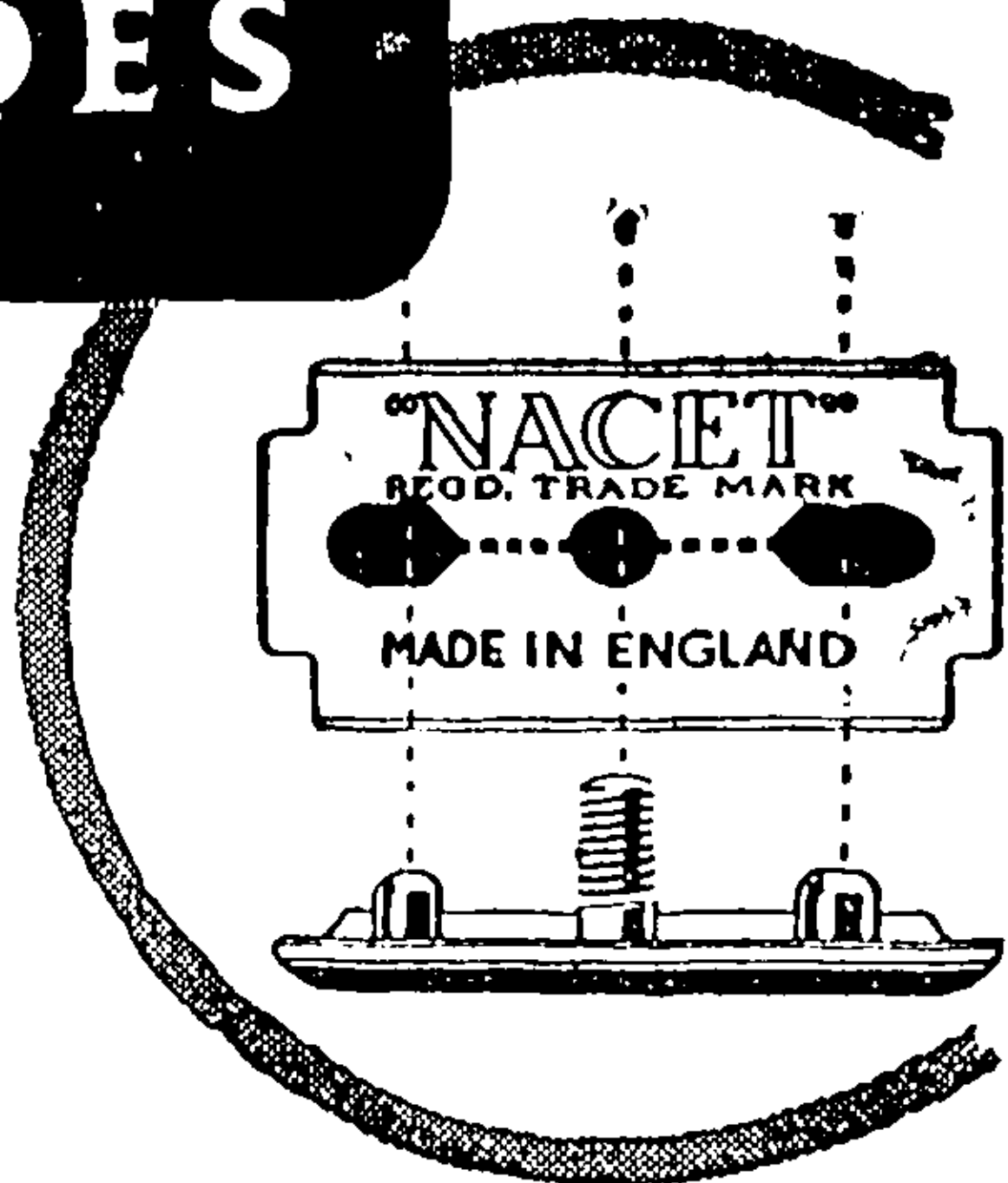
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Jean Arthur not only wields a 20-foot bull-whip during the course of "Arizona," her new starring film coming to the King's Theatre on Friday, but also drives an eight-horse team, as this scene shows. The Wesley Ruggles' drama for Columbia presents the star as a dauntless pioneer woman in lawless Old Tucson. William Holden heads the featured cast.

## ABYSSINIANS HAND OVER TOWN TO US

NATIVE BOYS, PROUDLY CARRYING ABANDONED ITALIAN RIFLES AND BANDOLIERS, GREETED A BRITISH OFFICER AS HE "OCCUPIED" THE NORTH-WESTERN ABYSSINIA TOWN OF ADI REMOZ. THE STORY WAS TOLD BY THE OFFICER HIMSELF.

He has just returned to the Sudan after taking over control of 5,000 square miles of the Abyssinian provinces of Wolkait and Togade.

The officer entered Abyssinia to check reports that the Italians were evacuating the region. "Before I had gone ten miles," he said, "I was greeted by a delegation of chiefs, who asked me to go to Adi Remoz, which the Italians had just left."

### People Cheer

"At every village we went through, our khaki-camouflaged British cars were greeted by cheering, singing and stamping inhabitants, while priests held up our passage and blessed us with their ornate silver crosses."

"At Adi Remoz we were welcomed with cups of Tej (Abyssinian honey wine) and dishes of chopped raw meat, which the Abyssinians love."

"All the notables I contacted freely recognised the Emperor's authority, and before leaving I appointed one of them to take charge."

### Fascists Shot

For weeks these chiefs had been corresponding with the Emperor, and before the Italian garrison even got out of the town weapons which they had left behind were turned on them.

Two blackshirts were shot in the streets, and 55 along the route of their flight.

Every Abyssinian male from the age of ten upwards was armed to the teeth with abandoned weapons, the officer added.

In their panic flight the Italians abandoned thousands of rounds of ammunition.

## PILOT V.C., BOMBED BRIDGE, IS KILLED

Flying Officer Donald E. Garland, one of the two officers whose gallantry in destroying a bridge over the Albert Canal in Belgium was recognised by the award of the V.C., is now reported as presumed killed in action. He was previously reported missing.

The award, which was the second V. C. of the war, was made in June.

Flying Officer Garland led the formation, all the crews of which had volunteered to attack the bridge, and much of the success of the operation was attributed to him and to his navigator, Sergeant T. Gray, upon whom the V. C. was conferred at the same time.

## SHOOT THE LOOTERS

Flogging for a first looting offence, shooting for a second conviction. This punishment for looters is advocated by a writer in the "Review," weekly paper of the British police.

"And if this seems too drastic," says the writer, "I would point out that by taking advantage of their already overburdened fellows, such criminals are as guilty of breaking all the laws of human decency as the Nazis we are fighting against, and in sheer self-preservation they should be treated just as drastically."

Every blitzed town has already had its quota of looters and bogus bomb victims says the writer.

## BRITISH SEIZE SHIP BARBER

British officials at Bermuda boarded the American liner Ex-cambion and removed the ship's barber, Oscar Richard Stabler, on suspicion of espionage.

Stabler is German born but was naturalised as an American in 1933.—Reuter.

## SEIZED FRENCH 'PLANE, FLEW TO BRITAIN

A YOUNG FRENCH air mechanic who wants to join the R.A.F. armed himself with a revolver, seized a seven-passenger cabin 'plane at an airfield in occupied France, and flew it to England. A.A. guns fired at him as he crossed the coast, but he landed on a bumpy field about 100 yards from a farm at Tregantle, Cornwall.

The first man he met was a labour returning from rabbiting, and took him away to be questioned.

"Is this England?" he asked in broken English.

When the farmhand said it was the stranger clasped him round the neck and kissed him. Then some soldiers came up. "Shall I be clicked?" (handcuffed) asked the Frenchman anxiously. They gave him something to eat

## DAUGHTER OF P.C. WEDS PEER'S HEIR

Captain the Hon. Ralfe Evans-Freke, brother and heir presumptive of the tenth Baron Carbery, has married secretly Miss Dorothy May Surrey, twenty-four-year-old daughter of a Chelmsford war auxiliary policeman. She was formerly secretary of a company of which he was managing director.

The marriage, which took place at Devizes on January 19, has only just been announced.

The captain told a reporter that he proposed by phone on Christmas Day.

They first met eight or nine years ago, when Captain Evans-Freke went to live a flat over a tobacconist and confectionery shop in Chelmsford High Street belonging to his company.

### "Felt Lonely"

Her father said: "They decided to keep it secret because Captain Evans-Freke did not want a lot of publicity. That is why no Chelmsford friends were invited to the wedding."

Captain Evans-Freke, who is forty-four, married in 1919 Miss Harrington Moore and in 1929 Miss Phyllis Thorpe who had been his typist.

Captain Evans-Freke said: "I have known my wife for eight years. After the dissolution of my second marriage I felt lonely, and my thoughts turned towards my old friend, Miss Surrey."

## NEW STAY-ON ARMY BUTTON

[BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT] Experiments are being made with plastic buttons to be used instead of the brass ones on battle-dress.

Soldiers complain that the sharpened holes of brass buttons cut the thread after a few weeks' wear and the buttons come off.

"And the girl-friend's not always handy to sew them on," they say, remembering that a battle-dress has more than thirty brass buttons.

The new plastic buttons have smooth holes which will not cut the thread.

"We are considering changing over to them," the War Office told me.

## ADULTS GIVE CHILDREN "NERVES"

Where children's nerves have been upset by the strain of wartime life, it is generally a reflection of the condition of adults in the family.

This view is expressed in reports from Board of Education officers, said Mr. Chuter Ede, Parliamentary Secretary to the Board, speaking at Carshalton, Surrey.

Children's nerves and health had stood up astonishingly well.



# CHINA MAIL

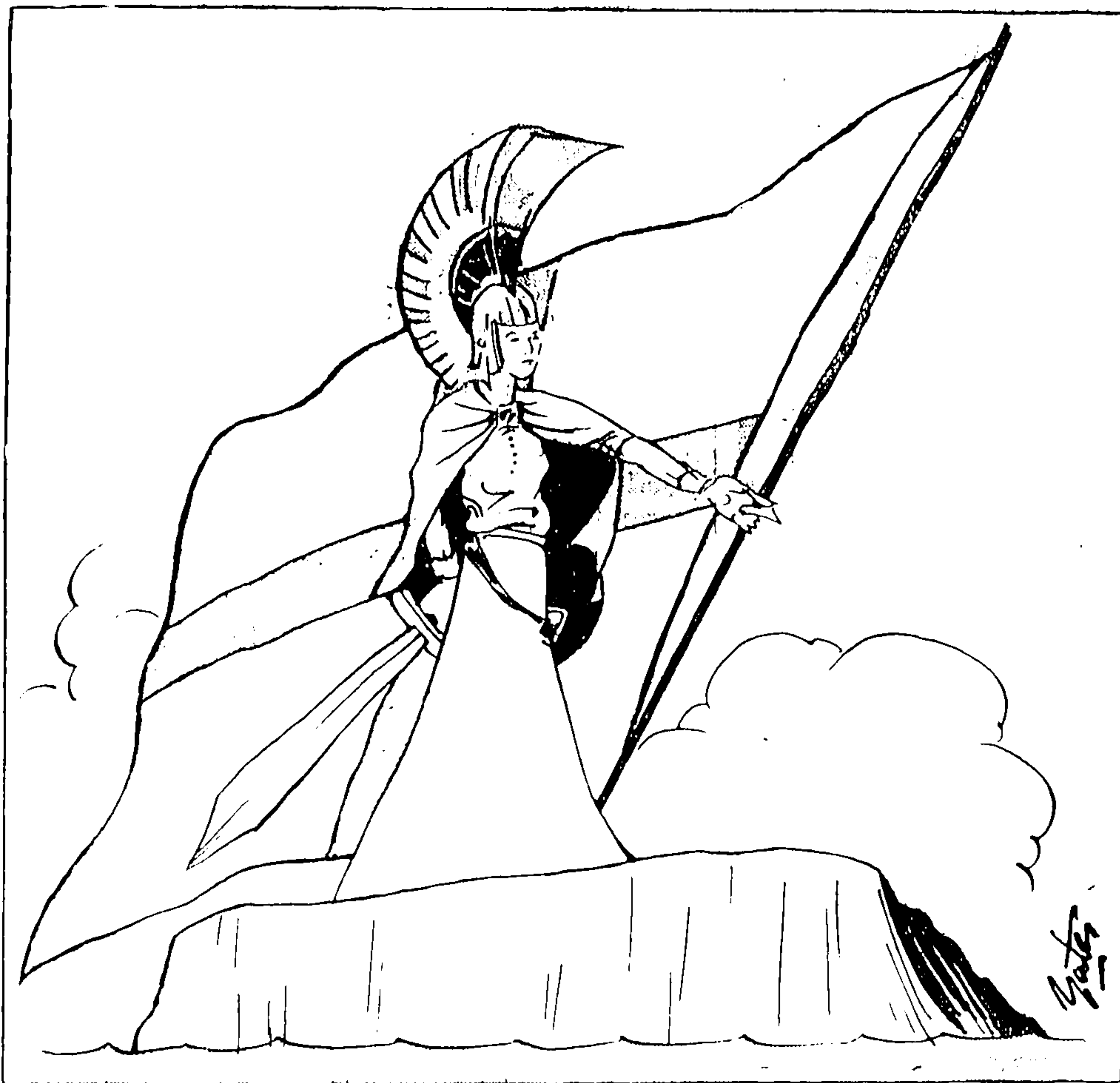
WINDSOR HOUSE

## FELINE CONSCRIPTS

Among the "devices" suggested to the British Air Ministry for overcoming the menace of night raiders is the inclusion of a cat in the crew of every British night fighter. According to the inventive citizen who advanced the idea, the gunner's duty would be the relatively simple one of keeping his eye on the cat and shooting in the direction in which it happened to look. We all know, of course, that a cat can look at a king, but—and here a weakness of the proposal obtrudes—is there any certainty that it could be induced to look at a German? Assuming, however, that any feline fastidiousness on this score could be overcome, there is much to be said for the scheme. For one thing, it would provide a crushing answer to those niggardly critics who now begrudge domestic cats their food on the ground that they contribute nothing to the war effort; it would solve the problem of superfluous kittens (for a constant stream of recruits would be needed); and, above all, it would demonstrate to Hitler that Britain is prepared to exceed even his limits in the mobilisation of national energy. But there is, unfortunately, another side to the matter. "When the cat is away, the mice (to say nothing of the rats) will play," and these rodents, being notoriously concerned with sabotage, would think nothing of seizing an advantage should their natural enemies be detailed for military duties. It would, therefore, appear to be necessary for some other bright inventor to apprise the British authorities of an effective stratagem for coping with a situation so fraught with potential loss and annoyance to the populace, before the conscription of cats could be considered feasible.

## RUMANIAN CIVIL WAR

Russia is alleged to have a hand in the Rumanian disorders though the facts rather suggest that the Gestapo knows far more about the course of events than the Kremlin. The Government of General Antonescu is unsatisfactory to the Nazis because it is losing touch with the Rumanian people. It is not able to inspire them to give their whole-hearted efforts to the "new order." The Third Reich needs puppets that can keep their peoples in line.



"THERE'LL ALWAYS BE AN ENGLAND."

# The Man Who Refuses To Die

If I were asked to name a man in these islands, who, by action and philosophy is the epitome of the beleaguered British race in war time, I would unhesitatingly say that man was Winston Churchill.

In times of peace and repose half a dozen names might occur to one for a selection for in a country like England where a man may say and do pretty well anything within reasonable limitations, the leaders of every political party have a right to be considered the leaders of this nation in greater or lesser degree; but not so at a time when the people of Great Britain are fighting perhaps the last decisive battle of their civilisation.

It is, therefore, no small tribute to the greatness of this man that he is universally acclaimed as the undisputed leader, to steer the course to safety in days of such national gravity here.

Mr. Churchill's career is epitome of the people amongst whom I live here, because no man of our time has had so much success, so much political buffeting. His triumphs have not been untempered with failure; and yet he has the singular capacity of profiting by his successes, and the wisdom to live down his failures.

The remarkable fact is that he has never allowed himself "to be broken" by the adversity which has occasionally befallen his political career; and that, in common parlance, is the secret of his success.

After entering Parliament, Mr. Churchill was President of the Board of Trade, Home Secretary, First Lord of the Admiralty, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, Minister of Munitions, Colonial Secretary, Secretary for Air, Secretary for War and Chancellor of the Exchequer; First Lord again, and then to-day Prime Minister.

During the last war the Conservatives, who welcomed him as their leader now, demanded his removal from the Admiralty. He went to France to serve, and later won back his way to eminence as the Minister of Munitions.

Even electors rejected him twice on the collapse of the Coalition Government of 1922, and yet he

was soon invited to become Chancellor of the Exchequer.

During the time when the economic depression laid heavy hands upon Britain, the National Government did not dream of including him; and although still in the political wilderness, he refused to admit defeat and fought against the Government's programme for India and Disarmament.

By Sirdar  
Ikbal Ali Shah

such "political mistakes" from which in ordinary times there is no forgiveness.

Yet Mr. Churchill's pen was ever active, his tongue never silent. He spoke in the name of England and ignored his critics and rivals.

He did this because he is quite obviously and devoutly sincere about his country, and will stick to the fight, throwing into it his heart and soul. There is no turning back with Mr. Churchill.

If he were of the philosophy of victory-or-death heroes, his career would have ended long ago. Nor is he of those who, "run away to fight another day", but something in between these two conceptions.

I feel I am right in defining his attitude of mind as sincerity for the service of his race. The baffling thing is that his is no blind patriotism as of one who would say "My country, right or wrong," for that would be more in keeping with Germanic doctrines.

It is a genuine desire to see his people enjoy that which is their legitimate due; their rightful place under the sun.

To these qualities his "gifts of writing and speech making should be added. Before the War of 1914-1918, when he went to Dundee to address his constituents, the fish-wives and factory girls mobbed him in sheer happiness,

so a Scottish friend told me, for he had spoken to them just of those matters dearest to the heart of the humbler folk of Scotland.

When I first heard him in London some years ago, every word which he spoke may have been unacceptable to me, but I could not help joining in the enthusiastic acclamation with which he sank back into his chair on the dais, for the man was brutally frank and objectively sincere. He was warning his countrymen of the perils to the Empire.

Such, therefore, is Mr. Churchill, the descendant of the Great Duke of Marlborough—Marlborough, the greatest military genius of his time. Like his grand-sire, Churchill is a fighter to the bitter end.

This does not mean that he is the greatest fighter, but it does mean something which is perhaps equally as great, that is, he has the capacity to survive the hardest blows, to keep on giving back hard knocks, and of never being completely knocked out.

No species of life is a greater adversary than one which refuses to be killed, but persists in doggedly holding on to the bitter end.

The whole course of his actions ever since he has taken up the reins of the Government during this war proves that he has enthused this country with something of his own philosophy; or it may be that that faculty was always there in his countrymen, and he has merely reclaimed them to their true heritages.

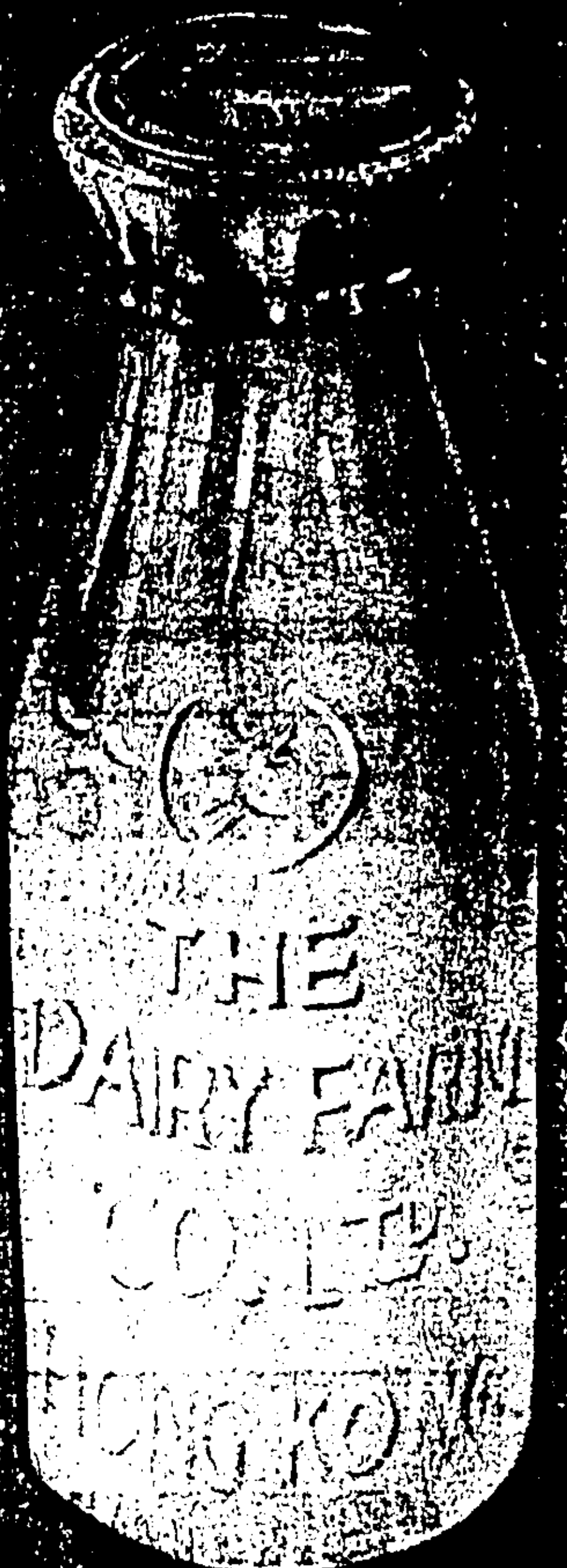
Never, therefore, was a truer thing said than this: that a country gets the government it deserves. England has the leader she deserves—a fighter to the end, who is ready to give as good as he gets.

When the thunder of the guns, and the dust of bombed houses is no more, you will still find Mr. Churchill, albeit with bandaged head and bleeding jaw, shaking a clenched fist at the enemy; for he is not of the "dying-kind", nor will he let his people lie down and do nothing. He will lead them on, and he who fights longest must win in the end.

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# ITALIAN PLAN FOR A ROYAL DICTATORSHIP

(From A Special Correspondent)

A ROYAL DICTATORSHIP with Marshal Badoglio, the former Italian Chief of Staff, as its executive head is being advocated in some Fascist circles as the only possible solution to Italy's difficulties.

Reports reaching me from many different sources leave no doubt that a growing volume of influential opinion, including party leaders, is pressing for peace at any price.

Many are hoping that the United States will open a way whereby Italy may conclude a separate peace with Britain. Such hopes are partly based on the strong Embassy staff which the Americans now have in Rome.

Contrasting this with the small United States representation in Berlin, some Italians believe that America is preparing to deal with the situation which would arise should peace moves materialise.

The terms of President Roosevelt's New Year message to the King of Italy, in which he expressed the hope that "the Italian people may be enabled to enjoy the blessings of a righteous peace in the coming year," are recalled as another pointer in the same direction.

## Ciano On King's Side

Ciano, the Foreign Minister, who recently rejoined his bombing squadron, is believed to be among those who would be found at the King's side should Musso-

lini fall. He has from the first been critical of the German alliance, and his antipathy was increased by the scant respect with which he was treated by Hitler and Ribbentrop at their various meetings.

Nor has Ciano ever shared his father-in-law's conviction of the "effectiveness" of the democracies, and the Libyan campaign has given him the grim satisfaction of having been proved wiser than the Duce.

But Ciano, as far as can be learned, has not yet declared himself as an advocate of a separate peace. He is preparing to meet whatever course events may take and is therefore maintaining close private contacts with the Royal entourage and with Marshal Badoglio.

## Duce Might Turn Over

While to most people a Royal dictatorship seems the best solution, shrewd foreign observers do not rule out the possibility that Mussolini himself might make a sudden volte face and smash the Axis alliance.

The Duce has his finger constantly on the pulse of party feeling, and is well aware of the growing peace movement. It is not beyond the bounds of possibility that when this movement reaches a point when it threatens his own position, Mussolini may himself sponsor it.

The existence of the all-permeating Fascist party organisation is a factor which must be taken into consideration by the advocates of breaking the German alliance and concluding a separate peace.

The structure of the State depends so largely on the party that even some of those who regard Mussolini as completely discredited would accept peace leadership at his hands rather than disrupt the party.

Meanwhile, public discontent with the conduct of the war, with rationing, and with the quality of bread and macaroni is constantly mounting.

## JAPANESE MONOPOLY RACKET

IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY, MR. HAMILTON-KERR (OLDHAM) ASKED WHETHER THE FOREIGN SECRETARY HAD ENQUIRED OF THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT HOW THEY RECONCILED THEIR ACTION IN RESTRICTING THE IMPORT OF SUGAR TO CHINA TO IMPORTS FROM JAPAN AND FORMOSA, WITH MR. Y. MATSUOKA'S REPEATED DECLARATIONS THERE WOULD BE NO DISCRIMINATION AGAINST THE TRADE OF OTHER COUNTRIES.

Mr. Hamilton-Kerr also asked for a statement regarding the importation of 24,000 bags of sugar to Tsingtao while applications for permits by British firms were refused.

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replied that the Foreign Secretary had called for a report on the present position regarding the import of sugar to China.—Reuter.

## PROPOSED U.S. TAX BILL APPROVED

The U.S. House of Representatives Ways and Means Committee yesterday voted in favour of the Treasury's proposed Tax Bill to raise \$3,500,000,000 in new revenue during the next fiscal year.—Reuter.

## STRIKE SITUATION IN U.S.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT HAS ASKED MINERS AND OPERATORS TO REOPEN IMMEDIATELY THE BITUMINOUS COAL MINES CLOSED BY STRIKES SINCE APRIL 1.

Meanwhile the Detroit State Labour Mediation Board has decided that the threatened strike in the General Motors Corporation must be postponed another 25 days, owing to national defence work.

The United Automobile Workers recently set to-day as the deadline.—International News Service.

## Negotiations Open

Southern coal-owners have agreed to restart negotiations with United Mineworkers for resumption of work following the appeal by President Roosevelt.

The President appealed for the immediate reopening of the soft coal mines, which have been shut for weeks by strike, in the public interest.—Reuter.

## SIKHS URGED TO JOIN THE COLOURS

THE ESTABLISHMENT OF TWO PREPARATORY CENTRES TO TRAIN SIKH YOUTHS FOR COMMISSIONS IN THE INDIAN DEFENCE FORCES WAS RESOLVED YESTERDAY BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE KHALSA DEFENCE OF INDIA LEAGUE AT PATIALA.

The Maharajah of Patiala, presiding, said that Khalsa (Sikhs) must join the colours in thousands and uphold the noble and heroic traditions of the Sikhs.

He added it was a rare opportunity for Sikhs to march forward and prove their worth to India and the Empire.—Reuter.

## CAN OPERATE IN THE STREET

An old London bus has been taken over and converted for use as a mobile hospital at Hove, Sussex, where day and night it is standing by ready for raids.

Dr. N. E. Chadwick, the Medical Officer of Hove, told a reporter: "The ex-bus is so well equipped that we can set up an operating theatre in the street to deal with emergency cases before they are taken by ambulance to hospital."

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# GANG CHIEF NO ONE EVER SEES HUNTED

A MYSTERY MAN, who is employing youths to rob the Post Office Savings Bank without any of them knowing his name or what he looks like, is being hunted by Post Office detectives under Detective-Sergeant Aitken.

The detectives know how his racket is worked: by an ingenious but simple method of forgery. They know who originated the scheme — a Canadian airman who was sentenced last month.

They know some of the gang: three youths were sentenced at the Old Bailey and other arrests have been made.

But who is the Big Shot in the background? Is he a known criminal or someone the world respects? "He" might be even a woman.

All that is known is that he (or she) has sufficient capital to finance large numbers of youths with initial "expenses" and the few shillings needed for each to work the fraud.

The gang work in groups of three—an agent, a forger, and a withdrawer—mainly in districts of London's East End.

They are set up together in back rooms and remain unpretentious in their dress though each has been earning £3 a day.

## The Racket

The agent opens at different post offices at least two Savings Bank accounts every day, with deposits of 5s. In one he deposits a second sum, say 2s.

The forger then detaches the stamped side of the book with two entries and fixes it in the book with one. Thus his book shows a 5s. entry with an official stamp, then a blank line with an official stamp.

On that blank line the forger fills in a deposit of £20.

The withdrawer then goes from one post office to another making £3 "on demand" withdrawals until £20 is withdrawn.

The spoils are split among the three, and a substantial proportion is set aside for the Big Shot.

What method the Big Shot employs of (a) recruiting his gang, and (b) collecting his "cut" has not yet been revealed.

But the lure of easy money has been bringing recruits in fast.

## Returned To Scene

The youths sentenced were Alfred Philip Pomman, 20-years-old Army deserter (three years' Borstal), 19-years-old Reginald Frederick Dawson (three years' Borstal), and Frederick Samuel Sindall, aged 26 (18 months' imprisonment).

Pomman was the withdrawer and he made the mistake of returning to the scene of his crime.

A smart girl Post Office worker recognised the book he presented as one that had appeared there twice before.

She kept him talking while the police were called.

## U.S. MAY GET TORNADOES

Britain was reported in Washington to be considering making the new Hawker Tornado fighter planes available for manufacture in the United States, both for the R.A.F. and the U.S. Army and Navy, if they wish to use them.

The Tornado may figure in the efforts now under way to standardise American and British aircraft production in the United States as much as possible.

There is no possibility that the planes could be produced in time to help Britain this spring, but American authorities are enthusiastic about the machine and would be glad to produce it. — Associated Press.

## U.S. PLAN OF AID TO CHINA

The agreement under which the United States will loan China US\$50,000,000 to support and stabilise China's currency is expected to be signed this morning in Washington at the Treasury.

Mr. Morgenthau will sign for the United States and Mr. T. V. Soong on behalf of China.

The negotiations which have been proceeding for some time, it is understood, were completed a few days ago.

What action is likely to be taken under the United States Loan to China of another \$50,000,000 for the purchase of war materials is at present unknown.

## Lease-Lend Aid

But it is expected that this sum will not be utilised as China will probably be getting all the help which can be sent to her under the terms of the Lease-Lend Act.

While details on what America is likely to do for China are still unknown, there is reason to believe that the authorities in Washington are concentrating on four things: firstly, getting into China aircraft both bombers and fighters; secondly, heavier artillery than China is now using; thirdly, raw materials to keep going the Chinese arsenals turning out small arms, shells, grenades, etc., and fourthly, supplying trucks to increase the capacity of the Burma Road.

Reuter.

## GIVES £75, NO NAME

A girl walked into the secretary's office at St. Thomas's Hospital, London, and pushed an envelope into the hands of an official. It contained £75 in £1 notes.

The girl would not leave her name, but a note inside the envelope stated: "Will you please accept this money as a gift to the hospital from a grateful patient of some years ago."

## BIRTHDAY PRESENT FOR HITLER

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

"North America's answer to Hitler's birthday celebration," was how Mr. Mackenzie King, Canadian Premier, described the results of his conference with President Roosevelt.

Mr. King also announced that President and Mrs. Roosevelt had promised to visit Ottawa early next month.

Mr. King referred to the statement that Canada and the United States will exchange war material and co-ordinate their defence efforts to speed hemisphere defence and aid Britain.

He described the agreement as "mobilisation of the resources of the Continent to defeat Hitler."

## SIT-DOWN STRIKE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Hundreds of workers employed by the Commercial Press in Shanghai, attempted a sit-down hunger strike on the premises yesterday but were later ejected by the Police.

It is understood that the workers presented demands and began the strike yesterday when informed that no reply had yet been received from the head office in Hong Kong. — Our Own Correspondent.

## WATCH-GLASS SAVED MR. WILLKIE FROM "DISASTER"

A WATCH GLASS — and a hall porter — saved Mr. Wendell Willkie from "disaster." He was speaking at a lunch in London. But he finds it almost impossible to talk publicly unless he twiddles his watch, attached to a gold chain he wears.

Before the lunch job, he lost his watch-glass and had to leave the watch behind.

He was so uneasy that he feared he might not be able to talk without twiddling the watch.

So he phoned his hotel. The hall porter is an amateur "jeweller."

He got the watch, fitted in a glass in double-quick time, and rushed it to Mr. Willkie—who made his speech after all, twiddling the famous watch vigorously.

## The Lambeth Ride

He had another adventure, too. He did a Lambeth Ride—on a "push bike" which somebody lent him.

And Lambeth turned out to greet him in true Lambeth Walk style.

Everybody wanted his autograph, on anything from a packet of tea to a picture of the youngest baby.

The police wanted to "rescue" him, but he waved them aside. "I don't need the cops here," he said.

## HOME GUARD BUILD OWN ARMoured CAR

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|---------------|-------------|-----------------------|---------|
| South, Dealer |             | Both sides vulnerable |         |
| ♠ A 6 3 2     | ♥ A K 10 6  | ♦ A 4                 | ♣ 7 6 2 |
| ♠ K J 9 8     | ♥ 10 8 3    | ♦ J 10 6 3            | ♣ 7 6 2 |
| ♠ 4           | ♥ 9 8 7 5 4 | ♦ A K Q 9 4           | ♣ 8     |

### The bidding:

| South | West | North | East |
|-------|------|-------|------|
| 1♥    | Pass | 3♥    | Pass |
| 4♠    | Pass | 4♠    | Pass |
| 5♠    | Pass | 7♥    | Pass |

"When South bid four clubs, he signified that he was interested, at least mildly, in a Slam, other wise he would have bid four hearts or three no-trump. This interest in 'Slam' was very gratifying to North with his tops in the trump suit and two side Aces. He temporised with four diamonds to see what South would do next.

"And when South bid five clubs, North decided that South must have a real club suit headed by at least Ace-King-Queen. After all, South couldn't have better than Queen-Jack of hearts, so had to have top cards somewhere to justify even an opening bid. Let alone two attempts to reach a Slam. If those tops were Kings in diamonds and spades, why would South bid and rebid the club?

"On the basis of this inference, North jumped all the way to the Grand Slam, which was made without the slightest trouble. At the other table this was a team of four match they stopped at six. The only thing that bothers us now is whether we staggered into a lucky contract, or if our inferences were justified."

We don't think luck had anything to do with the hand. It was beautifully bid, and we agree with South's bidding and North's inference one hundred per cent.

Yesterday you were Merwin Mauer's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

|              |           |       |             |
|--------------|-----------|-------|-------------|
| ♠ K J        | ♥ K J 9 4 | ♦ 8 6 | ♣ A J 9 3 2 |
| The bidding: |           |       |             |
| Muler        | Jacoby    | You   | Schenken    |
| 1♠           | 1NT       | Dbl.  | Pass        |
| Pass         | 2♥        | Dbl.  | Pass        |
| Pass         | 3♣        | Dbl.  | Pass        |
| Pass         | 3♦        | (7)   |             |

ANSWER: Pass. You have already shown the strength of your hand by your repeated doubles of contracts you were reasonably sure to defeat. By passing at this point, you will not deny that strength but will show that you are weak in diamonds. For all you can tell, three diamonds can be made.

## Question No 697

To-day you are Howard Schenken's partner and, with your side vulnerable against non-vulnerable opponents, you hold:

|              |          |           |       |
|--------------|----------|-----------|-------|
| ♠ A 7 5 2    | ♥ 10 4 3 | ♦ K J 9 6 | ♣ A 8 |
| The bidding: |          |           |       |
| Jacoby       | Schenken | Muler     | You   |
| 1♠           | 2♥       | Pass      | (7)   |

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)  
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12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercessions.

12.30 p.m.—Military Band Music with Peter Dawson (Bass).

The Standard of St. George—Quick March (Alford). Massed Bands of the Aldershot & Eastern Commands, conducted by W. H. Campbell.

Britain's Heritage (Medley of Patriotic Songs)—Intro: Hearts of Oak; The Old Brigade; Lads in Navy Blue; Here's a health unto His Majesty; Rule Britannia. Peter Dawson (Bass).

Drake's Drum (Trayton Adams); Britannia Slow March (art. Trayton Adams). Massed Bands of the Aldershot & Eastern Commands conducted by Burgess.

Britain's Heritage (Medley of Patriotic Songs)—Intro: Soldiers of the King; Private Tommy Atkins; British Grenadiers; Red, White & Blue. Peter Dawson (Bass).

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Good Green Acres of Home (Kahal & Fain). Peter Dawson (Bass). Success by the Sea March (Ward Higgs). The Band of H.M. Royal Air Force conducted by Flight-Lt. Amers with Male Chorus.

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Vocal: The Army, The Navy & The Air Force (Dawes). Cyril Norman with Herman Dawes & his Band.

Organ: Childhood Memories (art. by Debroy Somers). Reginald Fort. Comedian: Mary from the Dairy. The Woman Improver. Max Miller.

Orchestra: Don't Forget the Old Folks at Home (Noel Pelson). Billy Cotton & his Band with Vocal Chorus.  
Vocal: Old Soldiers Never Die. Intro: Fall in and Follow Me, Let the Great Big World Keep Turning, Hello! Hello! Who's Your Lady Friend? Mademoiselle from Armentieres. There's a Long Long Trail, Take me Back to Dear Old Blighty, If You Were the Only Girl in the World, It's a Long Way to Tipperary, Fall in and Follow Me. Gracie Fields.

1.30 p.m.—Rugby & Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—An Elgar Programme.  
"Crown of India" Suite, Op. 66. Intro: Duet and Dance of Nauteh Girls. Minuet No. 3—Warriors' Dance. March of the Mogul Emperors. London Symphony Orchestra cond. by Edward Elgar.  
Lake to the Danubius. Light Symphony Orchestra conducted by Haydn Wood.  
Song of Liberty (Pomp & Circumstance, March, No. 4). Dennis Noble & Chorus with the Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards, conducted by Capt. Gausley Windram.  
Queen Mary's Song. Light Symphony Orchestra conducted by Haydn Wood.  
Land of Hope and Glory. Nancy Evans & Chorus with the Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards, conducted by Capt. Gausley Windram.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 p.m.—Topical—Wartime Dance Music.  
6/8 Follow the White Line. Harry Roy & his Orchestra.  
Fox-Trot—Till the Lights of London Shine Again. Jack Jackson & his Band.  
Quick-Step—Berlin or Bust. Jack Payne & his Band.  
Fox-Trots—They Can't Black-out the Moon, Goodbye, Sally. Jay Warbur & his Band.  
Quick-Step—We Must all Stick Together. Gerald & the Savoy Hotel Orchestra.  
Fox-Trots—Lords of the Air; We'll Remember. The Organ, the Dance Band & Me.  
Quick-Step—Kiss Me Goodnight. Sergeant Mervyl. Sidney Lipton and his Grosvenor House Dance Orch.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Talk: "From the Old Country".

7.30 p.m.—Excerpts from Gilbert and Sullivan's "The Yeomen of the Guard".  
Overture... Light Opera Orchestra.  
When Maiden Loves, She Sits & Sighs... Nellie Briarcliffe (Contralto).  
Were I Thy Bride... Nellie Briarcliffe.  
Oh! Sergeant Mervyl, Is It True?... Peter Dawson & Chorus.  
Forbear, My Friends... Derek Oldham, Nellie Briarcliffe, Leo Sheffield & Male Chorus.  
Ave, Hug Him, Girl... Leo Sheffield, Derek Oldham, Nellie Briarcliffe & Male Chorus.

The Prisoner Comes to Meet His Doom... Full Company.  
Oh! A Private Buffon Is a Light-Hearted Loner... George Baker.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal.

8.02 p.m.—Compositions of Edward German.

Merrie England—Dances: Hornpipe; Minuet; Rustle Dance; Jig... Orchestre Raymonde.

Merrie England—Vocal Gems...

# WAR STOPS THEIR EXAMS

(By A Special Correspondent)

Exams for entry into secondary schools are being abolished this year by Middlesex County Council.

Instead, candidates will be chosen by elementary school-teachers on the result of their past year's work.

Only in "border-line" cases, where it is impossible for the teacher to decide on fitness for secondary education, will some form of examination be set.

Middlesex County Council started the scheme as an experiment last year.

The scheme has proved so successful that the Council have again decided on "no exams" for 1941.

"Evacuation and part-time opening of schools interrupted some of the children's studies so much that we thought it would be unfair to set a written examination," an official said.

Miriam Laette, Clara Teresa, Frances Russell, Denis Noble, Robert Carr & Chorus.  
Tom Jones, Selection. H.M. Grenadier Guards, conducted by Capt. George Miller.

Four Jolly Sailors, Quartette.  
Francis Russell, Percy Jones, Raymond Newell & Hardy Deane with Piano.  
Morris Dance from Henry VIII Dances. Jack Hall & his Orch.

8.30 p.m. Studio "British Prose Writers" No. 5: Carlyle. Talk by Father T. Ryan, S.J.

8.50 p.m. Eric Coates "London Again" Suite.  
Oxford Street, Langham Place. The London Palladium Orchestra conducted by Richard Green.

9.00 p.m. London Relay The News.  
9.15 p.m. London Relay "Questions of the Hour".

9.30 p.m.—A Programme of English Ballads and Popular Music.  
Sally Horner (Contralto). Floral Dance (Moss). Brian Laxance with Fred Hartley & his Quintet.  
Fantasia on British Sea Songs (art. by Sir H. J. Wood). Intro: Bugles—Admiral's Salute, Action, General Assembly, Landling Party, Prepare the Ram, Quick Double—Extend and Close, Sea Songs—Anchor Weigh'd and Saney Arthura. Sir Henry J. Wood conducting the London Symphony Orchestra.  
Farrings, Come to the Fair "Songs of the Fair" Easthope (Marian). Percy Heming (Baritone).

This England, Intro: Fanfare. Here's a Health unto His Majesty. Roast Beef of Old England (vocal). Sir Roger de Coverly, Chorus. Ripe (vocal). Come Lassies & Lads, Vicar of Bray (vocal). Drink to me only, Lincolnshire Poacher. A Fine Old English Gentleman (vocal). Lass of Richmond Hill. Hilda Moor (vocal). Sally in our Alley. There's a Tavern in the Town. British Grenadiers. John Peel (vocal). Here's a Health unto His Majesty. Debroy Somers Band with Orch. Devonshire Cream and Cider (Curzon & Sanderson). Up From Somerset (Weatherly & Sanderson). Malcolm McEachern (Bass).

9.45 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).  
10.00 p.m.—Studio—Our Letter from Free China.

10.15 p.m.—London Relay—"England & St. George". Programme for St. George's Day.  
10.30 p.m.—London Relay—"St. George's Day". Feature programme.  
11.00 p.m.—Close down.

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## Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



## A PAGE FOR WOMEN

# Gray Hair Or Bleached Blond?

If you are prematurely gray, or graying, don't think for a minute you have lost allure for the opposite sex. In fact it has been stated that you are preferred by men to a very bleached blond.

Men the darling like to be natural and they like natural beauty in women. That is, they like us to be beautiful and it is a way, and means, of acquiring beauty, they do not want that way, and means, to be obvious.

One very "preferred" gentleman stated it this way: "A bleached blond is obvious - we know her hair colouring is artificial. We may like the effect but



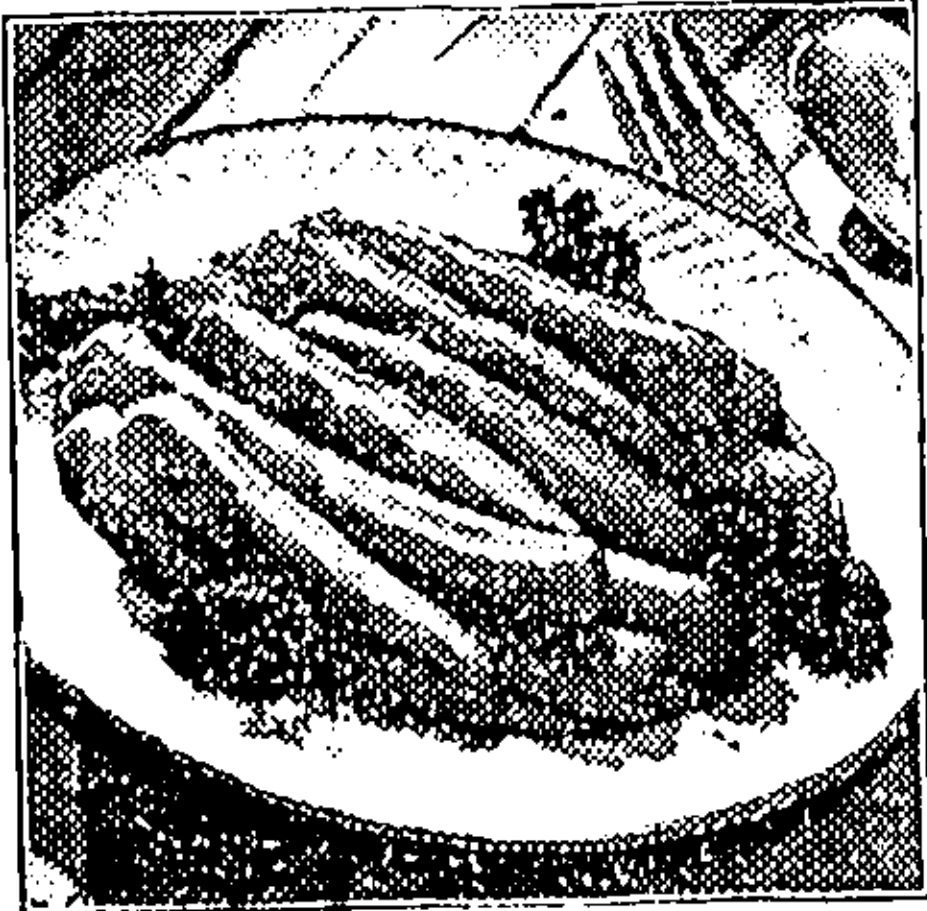
This extremely smart coiffure for gray hair was created by Joseph of New York.

## Flavour Hints for Vegetables

by Dorothy Greig

GRANNY used to say, "All vegetables are more exciting with a bit of fixing up." In her house we'd find little white onions mixed in with the peas, and the peas cooked with sprigs of mint; or a flecking of nutmeg on carrots, or onion butter over beets. Granny never had to coax the members of her family to eat vegetables. They always passed back for more.

One of my own pet flavor enhancers for vegetables is condensed soups. These being skillfully seasoned in themselves give forth of that flavor to the vegetables. For instance:



### Savory Glazed Carrots

- 2 tablespoons butter
- 2 tablespoons onions, chopped
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 9-10 whole scraped carrots (5-6 inches long)
- 1 can condensed consommé

Cook the chopped onions in the butter until soft but not brown. Roll the carrots in the flour and salt and sauté with the onions and butter for about 10 minutes. Then pour the consommé with 1/2 cup water over the carrots. Cover tightly and cook until tender. Sprinkle with chopped parsley just before serving.

And mealy baked potatoes, good as they are, taste even better as:

**Tomato Cheese Baked Potatoes**  
Bake the potatoes. Scoop out the shells and mash well or put through a ricer. For each medium sized potato add:

- 2 tablespoons condensed tomato soup
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- Pinch of pepper
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 tablespoon sharp grated cheese

Mix all together thoroughly and put mixture back in potato shell. Brown in hot oven or under broiler.

we are peevish with ourselves for detecting the artificial means she used to make it blond. No man ever criticises a gray-haired woman or girl providing she keeps her hair exquisitely groomed and her face pretty. In fact I for one would prefer my wife to be gray than to be bleached blond although I, male fashion, may remark about a bleached blond looking "stunning." Most of the men of my group would give you the same answer!

### Gray Hair Becoming The Vogue

Recently in a fashion and beauty show for the press, Exhibit B, was a gray-haired model, who was made up so cleverly that her hair was dramatised into being her best asset. When she was introduced, we were reminded that most of the greatest sirens of all time such as Marie Antoinette and Madame Pompadour considered gray or white hair so desirable that they powdered their own or wore wigs of either colour.

The trick of being youthfully fascinating, when the pigment of your hair is leaving or has left, lies in expertly applied make-up and in styling your hair in a very chic coiffure.

Pastel tones in eyeshadow, mascara and rouge, and light-keyed pure reds in lipsticks add beauty to the face halved by fading hair. Face powder of an absolutely perfect shade is vitally important too, and should be blended freshly at least every six months and preferably every three months.

You see when one's hair begins to fade a pigment change takes place throughout the system and the colouring of the skin and eyes noticeably alter.

The tint of the face powder depends upon the colour of one's eyes and the degree to which the hair has faded. If one's eyes are

brown and hair is non gray, the powder requires a rosy tint. If eyes are hazel and hair half-way gray a dash of bright green powder goes into the blending. Blue eyes with hair partly gray or pure white require a powder with bluish or violet tones.

### About Coiffures

Sleek, unswinging coiffures, or those knotted in back and piled high in front, are for the graying haired, long bob, or many frizzy, sausage curls are out of order. They make men think you are hanging on desperately to your sub-deb youth! Brush your hair away from your face, wear lovely earrings and keep both hair and skin perfectly groomed!



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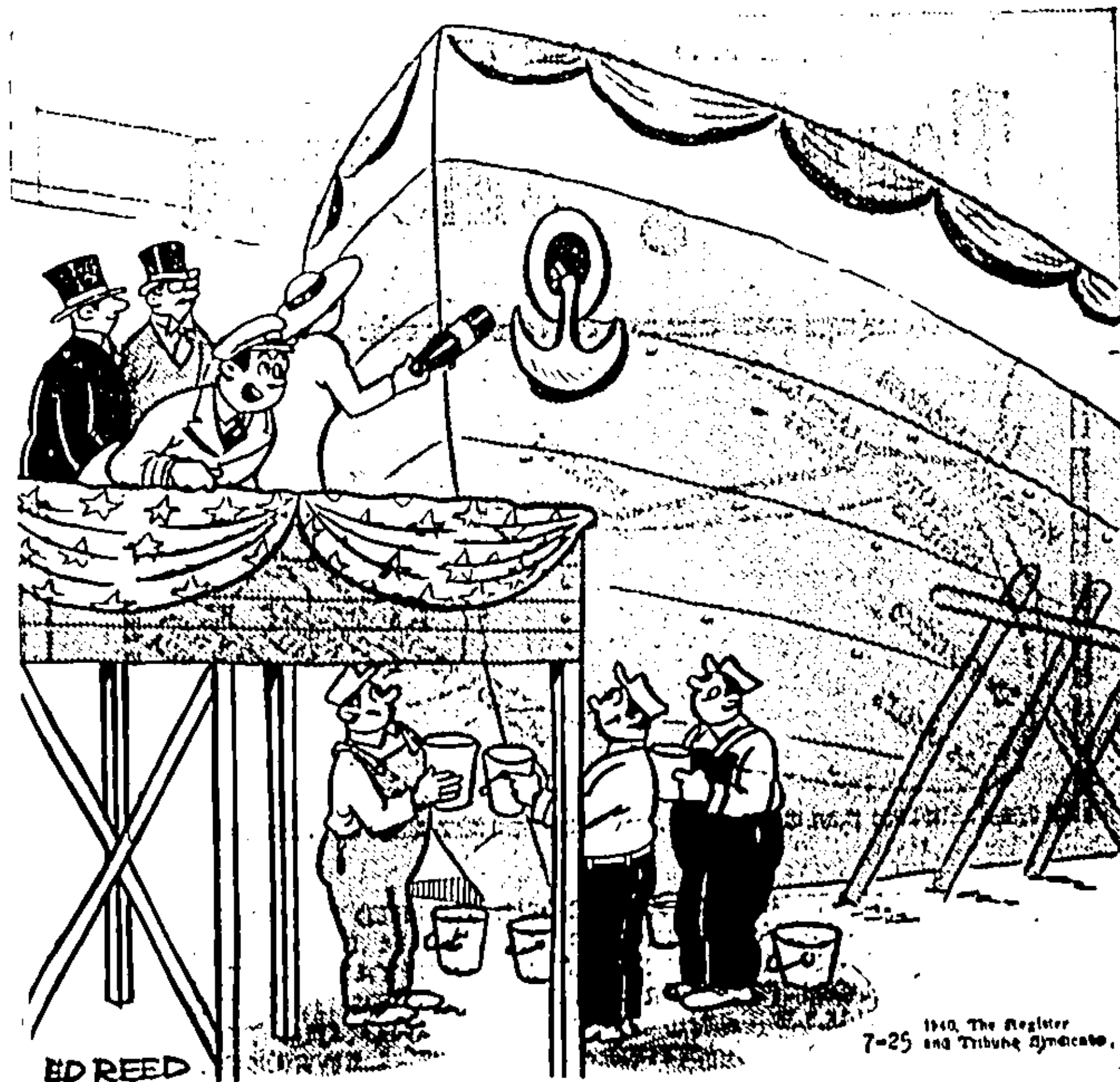
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By ED REED



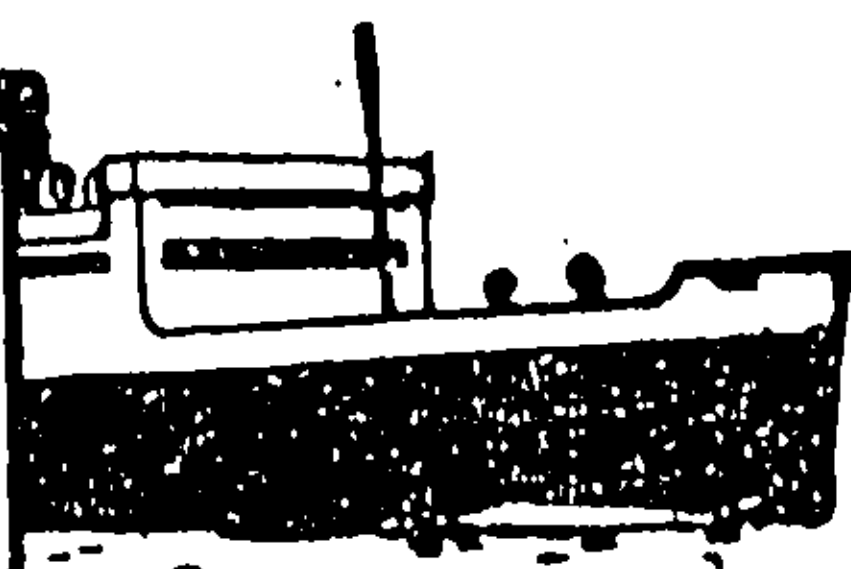
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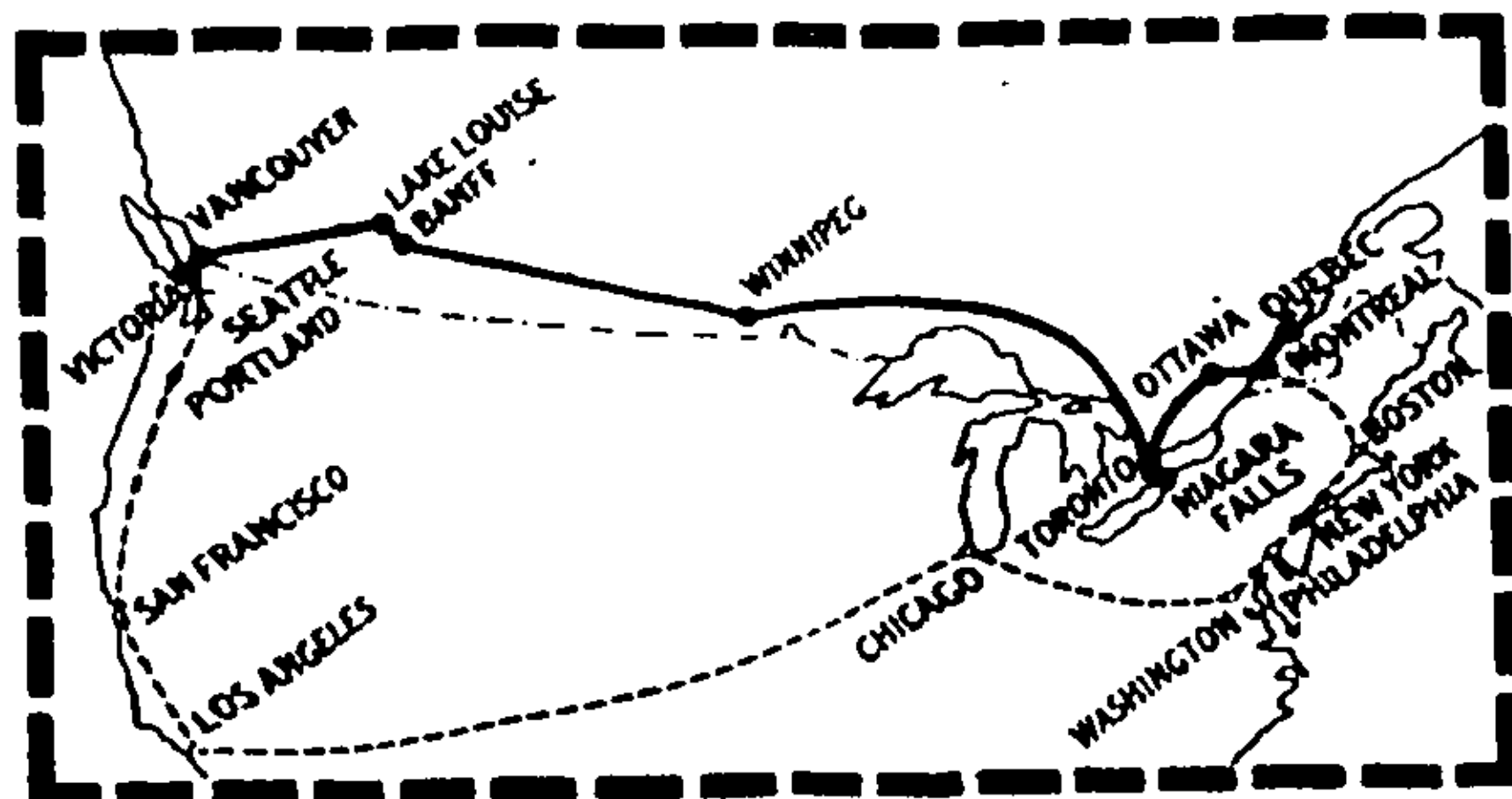
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## 3 SISTERS: NO TIME TO WED

So big and brave are the jobs of work the three Yates sisters of Birmingham are doing that they have no time to think about marriage while the war is on. All three are A.R.P. wardens. Their post is at their own home in one of the most badly damaged areas in the city. Romance must take a back seat while they are putting out incendiaries, helping the injured, saving animals in the blitz.

Mary is twenty-seven, Eileen twenty-one and Winifred nineteen. Mary and Eileen are full-time paid wardens, but Winifred, who is "land up" with a fractured foot, is a volunteer.

Once she rescued some horses from a fire, and during another raid while trying to salvage goods from a burning building a floor collapsed and she fell into a room below.

"Between us we have put out dozens of incendiaries," Mary told a reporter. "But it is only what thousands of other people are doing," she added modestly.

"I am on permanent night duty and we are all on duty seven days a week."

"Mother volunteered to allow our house to be used as an A.R.P. post, and there is a staff of nine wardens here."

"The three of us are so busy with our work that we have had no time to think about marriage. My fiancé is in the R.A.F. Eileen has a young man, but Winifred has no time for romance."

## "PAY BACK JERRY" IS WIFE'S AIM

Being bombed out of her home and not seeing her soldier husband for thirteen months has made nineteen-year-old Mrs. Florence Birch all the more determined to "have her own back" on Jerry.

So she cheerfully lives in a little church hall, sleeping and having her meals on the floor so that she can be near the aircraft factory where she works, helping to build our long range bombers that go to Berlin and Turin.

In this factory "Somewhere in England" a reporter talked to this brave young wife as she bent over a hand presser machine on which she presses out between six and seven thousand uranium brackets a day.

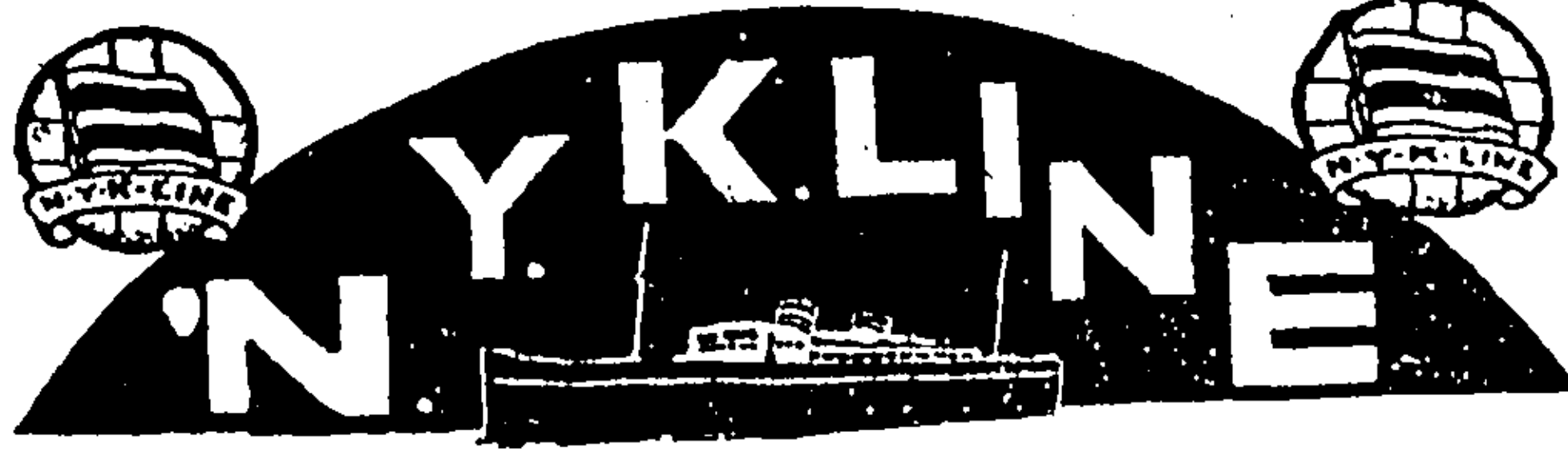
"I have worked here for four months," she said. "When I am on night work and the sirens sound I can carry on in the pitch dark, still making my brackets."

"I love the work, and it is the only way in which I can get my own back on the Jerries."

"I start at eight in the morning and finish at five, and cycle to my 'home'—now a patch of floor in a local church hall, but the vicar has made us very comfortable there."

"I am one of a gang of girls who all share our earnings each week. We all turn out as much as we possibly can."

The reporter walked through miles of shops where thousands of men and women were working at full speed. The whole bomber is built here from the raw material to the time it is placed in the hands of the test pilot.



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## R.A.F.'S SUCCESS IN DESERT

Further details of the experiences of the small force of picked British and New Zealand troops which had been harassing Italian outposts among the sand dunes of the Libyan desert lying south of the coastal area, in which the Australians and a British armoured division were operating, indicate that their activities included the pirating of Italian transport convoys, the shelling and capturing of isolated forts, the blowing up of ammunition dumps, and the burning of aircraft on the ground, says a correspondent of the "Sydney Morning Herald."

This sand dune country stretches for 800 miles from east to west, with an average width of 150 miles. Individual patrols, equipped with fighting cars, were in the desert for as long as six weeks, carrying food and water needed to last a good part of that time.

The Southern Desert is the largest sand dune field in the world, and is entirely different from the flat, stony desert over which the A.I.F. marched. No rain falls for decades and rows of sand dunes 100 to 400 feet high run from horizon to horizon. The Italians felt that the garrisons of Kufra and at other isolated oases were secure from attack because they were protected by the dunes, immense distances, lack of water, and barely endurable heat.

In the early days of their patrol, one or two of the drivers became confused by the yellow glare, fell over the brink of huge dunes, and rolled over and over for 100 feet without being harmed. For three days it was so hot that some of the men became delirious.

One patrol, returning from a mine-laying expedition along the coastal end of the Kufra road, appeared suddenly before a fort in the Augila oasis. Three shells drove out the astonished garrison. The raiders removed the fort's entire armament and disappeared into the desert as swiftly as they had come. As a result of such raids, all normal traffic along desert routes has stopped, and no movement is allowed except in convoys, escorted by guns and aircraft. Twice patrols were bombed in the shelterless desert, but were not damaged.

In the wild northern foothills of the Tibesti mountains, with their 10,000 foot volcanic peaks, one patrol had a rendezvous with Free French troops and the combined party surprised and captured the town of Murzuk. They invested and bombarded the fort, using a mortar, captured 30 Italians, and marched on the town of Trighem, whose inhabitants marched out to surrender, beating drums and with flags flying. Two more oases were attacked before the force turned southwards towards French territory.

## "MICKEY MOUSE" RULES IN SHELTER

**MICKEY MOUSE** they call him, dwarf with the heart of a giant, a little man who is in charge of one of London's biggest air-raid shelters.

He is said to have performed wonders during the raids, and his judgment is never questioned by any of the 2,000 shelterers whose safety is under his supervision.

The Under-Secretary for Scotland told an Edinburgh audience about him.

"I wish you could have met Mickey," he said. "He is a little man whom life has given rather a raw deal. In body he is deformed. He is a dwarf; but in mind and spirit he is a giant."

"He is lord of one of the biggest shelters in London. Two thousand shelterers with overwhelming unanimity, elected him chief shelter marshal."

"He has gone round that huge rabbit warren directing improvements, completing organisation, smoothing out difficulties and reconciling opposing views."

He described a visit with Mickey to a meeting of the "Shelterers' Parliament" and went on:

"The overwhelming impression this visit left in my mind was the fierce love of London cherished by her sons and daughters."

"There was no need to tell these people to stay put. The problem was to get them to go away."

## 17, DELIVERS MAIL BY PONY

England's youngest postwoman, seventeen-year-old Miss Mollie Hughes, of Christian Malford, Wilts, rises at six every morning and soon afterwards is cantering away on her pony to begin her ten-mile round with the mails.

Already her pony, "Mickey Mouse," a pure-bred Dartmoor, three years old, is a great favourite on the round, and more than one householder waits for him with a titbit.

Miss Hughes, daughter of Captain G. A. and Mrs. Hughes, of Avonwear, Christian Malford, told a reporter that, a few weeks ago, owing to the impossibility of securing a postman for the village of Draycot Cerne, a curtailment of the deliveries was threatened.

To avoid this, and as her war work, she volunteered to take over the job, a plucky action with the depth of winter approaching. Her round includes a number of isolated houses.

The young postwoman straps on herself during darkness a white light showing to the front and a red light showing to the rear.

Early one morning a villager was alarmed to see a red light bobbing up and down in front of him. He could not hear a sound, and could not gain on it. He was thinking of the local ghost legends when the mystery was solved by the postwoman stopping to make a delivery. She had been cantering along on the greensward at the side of the road.

## FIRE HEROES OF THE BLACK DOG

Down at the "Black Dog," Lambeth way, they know all about fire-watching, and fire-fighting too.

The "Black Dog" is a local institution. Fred Henley, the landlord, sees to that.

His latest service to the community is the formation of a "Black Dog" fire-fighting squad. And are they good at their job!

Ask any of the locals, and they'll tell you the boys are the finest firemen in the country.

The Three Musketeers in particular. They are Fred Henley himself, seventy-four years old and still as lively as the proverbial cricket; Peggy Elliston (so named for his wooden leg), and Patsy Keeble, one-armed from birth.

What tales they tell.

You will hear how Peggy races up ladders and stairs as fast as anyone, how he deals with incendiaries as casually as a man might put another shovelful of coal on the paraffin fire, how he smothered a bomb with his coat and waistcoat.

And Patsy, three pints of ale clutched in his handless stump, is called on to demonstrate how he copes with the "perishers."

### At Own Expense

They talk of Mr. Henley with pride and reverence. Fred is father to the whole district. You will hear how he organised the whole scheme, bullied, cajoled, scrounged until he got hold of the necessary equipment; delved deep into his own pocket to finance it; trained and equipped his squad to fight the night terrors; feeds the men on duty with hot drinks and sandwiches every night—at his own expense.

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# INDIA AND UNITED STATES QUALIFY FOR FINAL

## China Beats Britain In Exciting Ladies' Tussle

### Souza Plays Sound Game For Portugal

By "Grandstand"

CLOSE DECISIONS featured the semi-finals of the International Softball Series last Sunday, when the Indians nosed out the Chinese 1-0, and the United States squad triumphed over Portugal 3-1, whilst Great Britain put up a surprisingly stiff opposition, only to be shaded 5-4 by the strong Chinese lassies.

With the exception of centre fielder Wilson, the United States team was made up of players from the Mighty Mohawks, who partially wiped off the stigma of their Easter Monday humiliation, by taking Rui Noronha's Portuguese lads before a packed gallery, in a brilliant display, featuring heads up ball by both teams.

After the Portuguese squad cut out the Stars and Stripes, the latter made effective use of their hit, leaving two stranded on the bases, whilst seven Noronhas died on the rack.

#### Air-Tight Start

For the first two heats the Portuguese lads played air-tight ball, hitting the Americans in success, but in the third, Hank Sperry dumped a lulu along first, and pilled second, whilst Cy Jones worked slabster Gerry Gosano for a pass, to first, both runners advancing on Morris' sacrifice bunt. Johnnie Schaberg's long fly drove in Sperry, whilst Jones' rapped home when centre-fielder Bertie Gosano heaved one into the stands when he relayed the ankle.

The U.S. team broke into the scoring column again in the seventh stanza when Pete Fitch stretched a single, and chalked up the clincher on Sperry's rasping single to short centre. Excitement reached fever pitch when hard-hitting rookie Charlie Quinn, pinch-hitting for Caco Marques, slapped out a single with two away, and dented the pay-off station to save Portugal from a white-washing on George Souza's double.

With the rabid fans howling for a homer to knot the count, Tony "Peewee" Alves grounded out to end the fracas.

#### Spotlight On Souza

Hank Sperry, the lanky Mohawk left gardener, came up with a perfect willow performance, with three safeties in as many batting chances, but it was Portuguese short-stop George Souza who was the dazzler, fielding nine chances without a fumble, and pivoted from Ozorio to first-sacker Nick Beltrao for

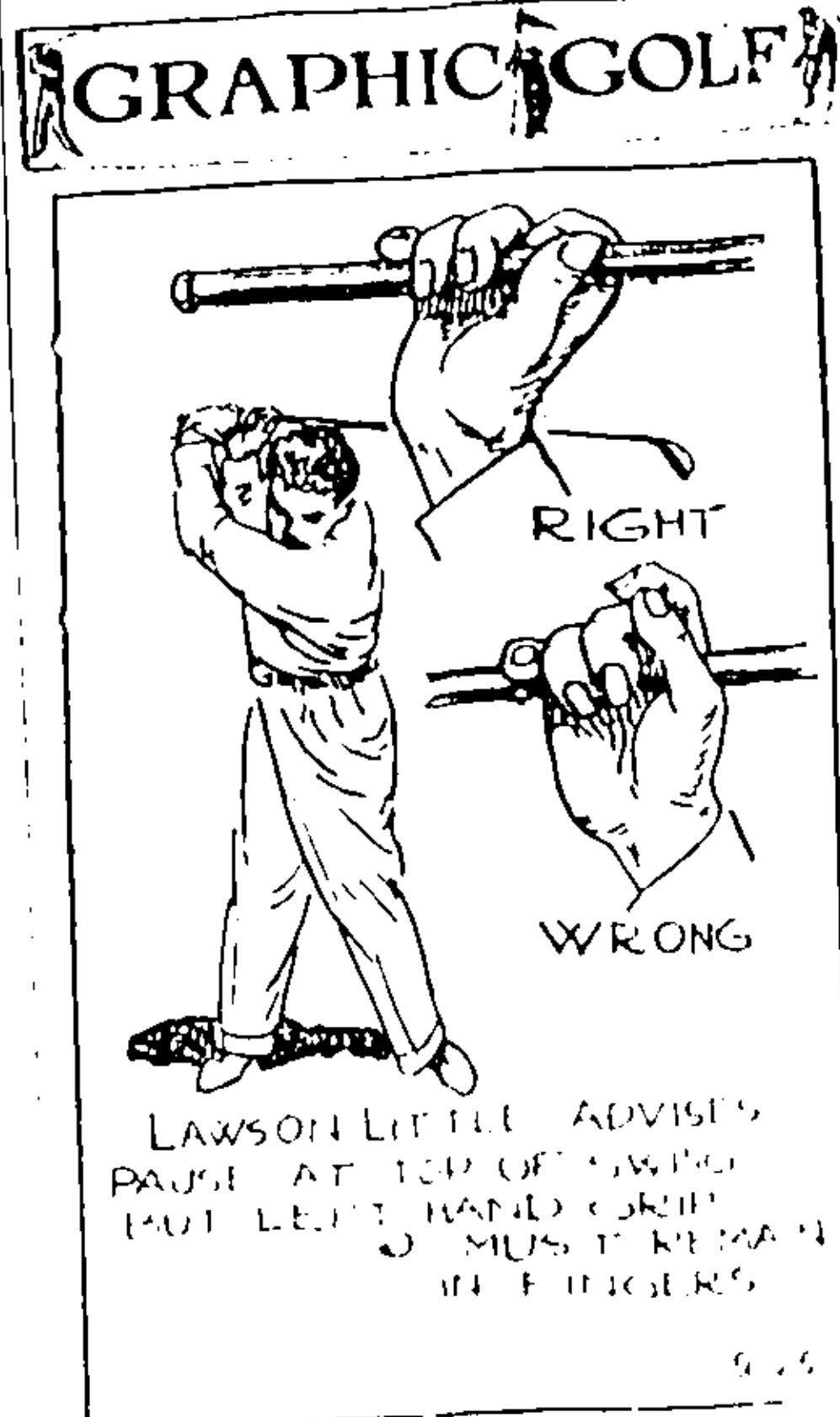


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#### Relaxing Left Hand Grip May Alter Right's Hold On Club

By Best Ball

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The left hand grip must be secure particularly the last three fingers of this member, which maintain the most pressure on the shaft. Relaxing their hold may mean that the shaft will tilt down suddenly because of the club-head weight and cause it to sink downward into the crotch between the right thumb and forefinger as illustrated above. To afford double protection against this error the shaft should also be held securely between the index finger and thumb of the right hand. Even when the left hand grip is firm, there is always danger of this fault occurring if the right hand grip is too relaxed at this point.

Next Article:—Gripping The Club.

ing chance.

Jindoo Hussain was the big gun of the day, clouting two of his team's three blows, and drove in the winning run.

Behind the six-hit pitching of Dolly Brown, in her initial mound performance, the Great Britain contingent almost upset the dopesters, when they lost a "heart-breaker" to the Chinese with a last inning rally, but left the winning run stranded on second.

For the two stanzas Brown had the Chinese handcuffed, fanning three of the six batters to face her, the others popping out weakly to the infield. A decision by the umpire "Doc" Molten in the third, which brought forth fiery verbal attacks from the fans, put Doris Mar on second, and eventually tallied on Grandma Hutchinson's fumble for the first Chinese counter. Ullian Khoo slugged another marker for the Chinese to take a two-one lead. A barrage of four safeties in the sixth, produced a cluster of three runs for the Chinese, whilst the British team could only chalk up two in the half of the inning on a pair of singles.

#### Rene Yuen Fumbles

Coming into the last of the seventh, with two runs behind, Coco Yolle fanned the breeze for the first eraure, Dolly Brown grounded out, but Gerry Jorge got a life when first-sacker Rene Yuen fumbled a catch. Another fumble put Jeannette "Blondie" Yolle on the sacks, whilst Gerry Jorge scampared

### MARY HARDWICK'S STARTLING PROPOSAL TO TENNIS ASSN.

MARY HARDWICK, who was recently on a four months' tour of U.S.A., Cuba and Canada with Alice Marble, Budge and Tilden, has sent home a rather startling proposal to the Lawn Tennis Association, writes Geoffrey Simpson in a Home paper.

It is for nothing less than her reinstatement as an amateur after the war, by which time, doubtless, she will have amassed a tidy little sum from her professional matches.

Miss Hardwick's attitude is that her switch to professional status is due entirely to the war. It has hit her family, it has prevented her from receiving adequate financial support in the United States. So there was nothing for it but for her to turn her talents to profit.

#### Earnings For Charity

Part of her earnings she is handing to the war relief fund, and now she says that if the war ends, with the Hardwick financial position "still normal" she will hand the whole of her professional profits to charity. Whereupon the L.T.A., in Miss Hardwick's view, should restore her amateur status.

Naturally, the L.T.A. are not going to be drawn into making a statement on such a proposal, but I shall be very surprised if they entertain it. Once they began leg slating for and vidual cases the line dividing amateurs from professionals would be broken, and the way would be open for players to switch from one code to the other.

"Once a professional always a professional" is the basis of L.T.A. control in this matter, and they are not likely to make an exception in Miss Hardwick's case.

### LAWN BOWLS MEETING

A meeting of the Lawn Bowls Association Council was held at the offices of Messrs. Gande Price and Company yesterday. The President, Sir Atholl MacGregor, was in the chair and was supported by Mr. J. A. Fraser, Vice-President, and Mr. R. P. Phillips, Hon. Secretary. Representatives of clubs were also present.

League fixtures drawn up by Mr. Tachei were approved. The Bowls season is scheduled to open on May 3.

The Chairman said there was an excellent response to the sweep conducted last year, and if it should be decided to hold another sweep, he would be very pleased to undertake the treasurership again.

The following were elected members of the Special Competition Committee: The President or Vice-President, the Hon. Secretary, Messrs A. B. Allan, W. Gill, E. de Souza and V. Chittenden.

#### CHESS RESULTS

Results last night in the Colony Open Chess Championship Tournaments were:

Senior Championship: — C. M. Sequeira beat G. S. Coxhead.  
Junior Championship: — J. Tausz beat Wm. Lee, To Yu-lau beat R. C. Gardner.

across the pan to slim the lead to one run.

Yvonne Yolle belted one to deep centre which Margaret Yorg booted, but Jeannette Yolle forgot to weigh anchor and could only make third with the tying run, where she was stranded as Kitty Bush fled out.

Pat Jorge returned the best stickwork, clouting two in three, whilst Doris Mar, Ullian Khoo and Lily Mar were good for a two-bagger each.

### CHINESE GOVERNOR'S CUP TEAM

The following is the Federation team for the play-off of the Governor's Cup competition on Sunday.

Cheung Wing-choy, Tsang Chung-wan, Ng Kee-cheung, Lau Hong-choy, Hsu Kong-seng, Soong Ling-seng, Yeung Shui-yick, V. K. Hui, Lee Wai-tong (Capt.), C. T. Tsao and Hau Chung-to.

Manager: — See Po-wai, and Lam Chung-ho.

The following have also been chosen for the match, between the Shanghai Chinese and the Hong Kong Chinese teams, in aid of a scholarship in memory of the late Chen Chen-wa (Dark Chen) well-known in Hong Kong and Shanghai football circles.

Hong Kong Chinese: — Tam Kwan-kon, Hau Yung-sang, Tsang Chung-wan (Capt.), Kwok Ying-ki, Lam Pak-po, Soong Ling-seng, Yeung Shui-yick, Fung King-cheung, Chan Tak-fai, Lai Shu-wing and Hau Ching-to.

Shanghai Chinese: — Cheung Wing-choy, Ng Kee-cheung, Yim Tse-yum, Lau Tsi-chun, Hsu King-seng, Tsui Ah-fai, C. T. Tsao, Cheung Kam-hoi, Lee Wai-tong (Capt.), V. K. Hui and Lee

### HOME SOCCER FIXTURES

Following are corrected Football fixtures for Saturday:

#### WAR CUP SEMI-FINALS

##### RETURN MATCHES

Leicester v Arsenal

Newcastle v Preston

##### INTERNATIONAL MATCH

England v Wales

##### LONDON CUP

Queen's Park v Brentford

##### FOOTBALL LEAGUE (SOUTH)

Doncaster v Luton

Southend v Southampton

Watford v Portsmouth

##### REGIONAL LEAGUE (SOUTH)

Aldershot v Tottenham

Mansfield v Walsal

Millwall v Northampton

Reading v Chelsea

Westham v Fulham

##### REGIONAL LEAGUE (NORTH)

Bolton v Blackburn

Bradford City v Rochdale

Chesterfield v Sheffield

Wednesday

Doncaster v Halifax

Grimsby v York

Huddersfield v Burnley

Leeds v Sheffield United

Liverpool v Manchester United

##### MANCHESTER CITY

Middlesbrough v Blackpool

New Brighton v Barnsley

Oldham v Everton

Rotherham v Bury

Tranmere v Bradford

Wrexham v Southport

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REGIONAL MATCH

Stoke v Chester

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# CHOY RESPONSIBLE FOR YET ANOTHER SPLENDID DISPLAY

## Outshines Patrick Wong In Doubles Encounter

### Chew Plays Big Part In Defeat Of Yoong Bros.

By "Adrem"

THE LARGEST CROWD SEEN AT A BADMINTON MATCH THIS SEASON WAS ATTRACTED TO KOWLOON CRICKET CLUB LAST NIGHT FOR AN ENTERTAINING PROGRAMME OF TWO SENIOR DOUBLES, A JUNIOR DOUBLES AND TWO LADIES' DOUBLES MATCHES, ALL BEING SEMI-FINALS.

From a badminton point of view, best matches were in the senior doubles, in which the eight men taking part represented the finest badminton talent in the Colony. There were some exciting interludes last night but, considering the players in action, the standard was not high.

There were no upsets, notwithstanding the fact that the men's doubles title-holders, Patrick Wong and C. Au were eliminated. Having met with defeat in the mixed doubles on Monday, therefore, Wong, who won all three major titles last season, is now only interested in the singles, in which he meets M. P. Yoong tomorrow.

In both the main doubles encounters there were periods where complete reversal of form were displayed. In the second game of the Hooi-Chew v. Yoong brothers match, the latter were leading 11-4, only to be overhauled, passed and beaten without gaining another ace.

And then again Choy and Low were leading Wong and Au 14-6 in their first game when the latter rallied to such an extent that the scores were "settled."

#### Chew's Brilliance

Featured by the brilliance of Chew at vital moments, H. F. Chew and P. K. Hooi beat the Yoong brothers in straight games. Whereas Y. P. Yoong, a left-hander, settled down fairly quickly, his more brilliant brother was obviously completely out of touch and made numerous bad mistakes. On the other side of the net Hooi was undergoing a similar experience and showed little of the form that won him three titles the year before last. Result was, lengthy rallies were few and far between, although the action was exceptionally fast.

The Yoongs, whatever the state of the game, played with refreshing vigour and it was their speed and dash, rather than any clever technical ability that enabled them to meet with such success as came their way. Particularly impressive was their attack of service, which soon reduced Hooi's service to such impotency that on occasions, for a man of his reputation, it was pathetic.

Chew played a cool, clever game, excelling in neat placements at the net and effective half-court shots up the sideline that threw the opposing combination out of gear. In the latter part of the first game Chew's form reached its peak, and I don't think it is any overstatement of the case in saying he won the game off his own racket.

In the second game with M. P. Yoong showing considerable improvement and Chew falling away, the Yoong brothers took complete command and swept on to a lead of 10-4. Worried, Hooi and Chew tightened up, concentrated

on defence and slowly crept up to go out for game and set with out conceding another ace.

#### Choy's Smashing

The little, pantherlike play of K. W. Choy, who smashed furiously throughout the second game, was mainly responsible for the elimination of the title holders, in a match remarkable for poor serving. Both Wong and Au appeared to be nervous when serving to the hard hitting Choy and thus threw away many opportunities by placing the "bird" weakly into the net. Choy's long reach and fine anticipation enabled him to make all his shots with cool efficiency and maximum effect and with Low giving good support, there was never any real doubt as to the ultimate result.

There were occasional, nearly in the first game, when the Chinese "Y" pair staged a spectacular rally, when Wong struck championship form but for the most part his serving was weak and his smashing never decisive.

Au was apt to attempt too many trick shots. In the first game he met with some success, with clever angled drops, but in the course of the match his failure to effect these shots far outnumbered their successful execution.

On his showing last night Choy, if it is possible, is now an even firmer favourite for the singles title than he was before.

On the occasions that he was engaged in duels with Wong, he showed himself to be by far the better player, with the added attribute of having a confidence that now appears to be lacking in the current title-holder.

#### Poor Understanding

The junior men's doubles was not a highly skilful affair and Fisher and Wynter-Blyth were far more superior than the scores would suggest. Anderson and Gillies showed little understanding and appeared to be at some disagreement as to the interpretation of the side-by-side form of play.

The comparative steadiness of Wynter-Blyth was the chief factor in the success of the winners, as Fisher had considerable difficulty in keeping his balance, his confidence suffering much in consequence.

#### Ladies' Doubles

The ladies' doubles matches were interesting if not very clever. Miss M. Xavier and Miss M. Silva were too steady for Mrs. Silva and Miss Ribeiro, while the hard-hitting and accurate serving of Mrs. Torrible, well supported by Mrs. Zimmern, proved too much for Mrs. Castro and Miss Gonzalez. The latter pair would have done better if Mrs. Castro, who played an extraordinarily casual game, had concentrated more on pace—she can hit very hard and deep—and less on her very inaccurate short game.

It was announced before the last game of the final match that an autographed shuttle would be auctioned for the Bomber Fund but, the crowd showing little enthusiasm, this did not materialise.

#### RESULTS

Following were yesterday's Badminton Championship results:

#### H.K.C.C. IN TENNIS LEAGUE

Contrary to earlier expectations, Hong Kong Cricket Club have now found it possible to enter "A" Division of the Lawn Tennis League.

#### WOMEN'S DOUBLES

Miss M. M. Silva and Miss M. A. Xavier beat Miss M. Ribeiro and Miss Silva 15-11, 15-12.

Mrs. Torrible and Mrs. Zimmern beat Mrs. N. Castro and Miss T. Gonzalez 15-9, 15-11.

#### MEN'S SENIOR DOUBLES

P. K. Hooi and H. F. Chew beat Y. P. and M. P. Yoong 15-4, 15-11.

K. W. Choy and K. B. Low beat Patrick H. Wong and C. Au (holders) 17-15, 15-7.

#### MEN'S JUNIOR DOUBLES

A. L. Fisher and P. Wynter-Blyth beat J. L. Anderson and W. Gillies 18-13, 18-10.

## PATERSON FANCIED TO BEAT LITTLE DADO

JACKIE PATERSON, the tough little fighting man from the Scottish shipyards, took a further lease of the Empire and British flyweight championships when he handed a crushing defeat to Paddy Ryan at Nottingham Ice Rink, writes a correspondent.

Although neither boxer offered Nottingham a local interest, Ryan being a Lancashire-Irishman from Manchester, the arena was packed to capacity (6,000), and the crowd saw a thrilling, if somewhat one-way, battle.

Against Paterson's abnormally heavy punching, Ryan was fighting a hopeless cause from the early stages, but his grand spirit and gallantry in the face of the stiffest punishment electrified on-lookers.

Ryan was actually punched out of the ring in the sixth round. He was hit on the jaw by a swinging right that lifted him over the top rope and deposited him in a heap dead in front of my ringside seat.

#### A Game Boxer

I watched him, unable to help for fear of getting him disqualified, shake himself back to life, wipe the blood from his mouth, and climb back for more, beating the count only by a split second.

He was beaten then, but the plucky fellow refused to admit it, and not only continued to trade punches with Paterson, but stayed with the champion till the eighth round, in spite of a further right-hand blow which knocked him sitting for a count of nine.

The referee stopped it, but not soon enough, in my opinion. He seemed to be leaving it to the "corner" to throw in the towel, while the towel-flappers were apparently expecting the referee to act. The result was that poor Ryan took at least 50 blows when in no condition to offer any worthwhile resistance.

There is no doubt that Paterson is a great fighter. Completely unorthodox with his right-foot-forward stance, his keenest admirer could not call him a clever boxer, but he is hard and tough. Ryan's best blows might have been slaps for all the effect they had. Paterson is also a terrifically fast worker, and how he can hit!

There is a knock-out in either hand, which is something one rarely finds in a flyweight. This win has given him a second claim on the current Lonsdale belt, which looks like passing permanently into his keeping in rapid time.

Paterson is also well fancied on this form to beat Little Dado, champion of America, if present plans to bring him here succeed. Obviously Paterson cannot go to New York for a world championship. Besides, he is engaged on the war shipbuilding programme.

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## FRIENDLY BILLIARDS

Club de Recreio beat Kowloon Cricket Club by four matches to two in a billiards and snooker contest last night.

#### BILLIARDS

J. O. Remedios 170 (34) beat F. Zimmern 147 (35).

E. M. Soares 150 (31) beat J. H. S. Duncan 31.

J. C. Remedios 150 beat E. Curtis 83.

#### SNOOKER

C. Cunha 80 lost to J. R. Luke 97 (22).

C. F. Rozario 73 (24) lost to C. Pope 145 (15).

A. F. Noronha 117 (25) beat E. C. Fincher 63.



# PLYMOUTH FIRE BLITZ

## A War To Oust Hitler

"How we got into the war we shan't know entirely until we read history that is now hidden," says an editorial in the "Saturday Evening Post." "We are in it. We are in it all together. Rightly we may say that we got into it and could have been got into it only because the great majority of us want one thing, no matter how violently we may have disagreed about the way of getting it. We want a world without Hitler. Here we hold with Winston Churchill, the mighty realist who is impatient with those who in the midst of battle clamour for a statement on war aims, a Government blueprint of a new order that is to come after. The one way and is to destroy Hitler." Reuter.

## NAZI AIR ACTIVITY OVER BRITAIN

There was some enemy air activity during daylight yesterday mainly in south-east England but no bombs were reported dropped in any area, says an Air Ministry communique. British fighters shot down an enemy bomber into the Channel in the morning. It is now known that two

## Lord Chatfield In The Raid

(By Reuter's Staff Correspondent in Plymouth)

Admiral of the Fleet Lord Chatfield watched from Government House, the fire blitz on Plymouth on Monday night, and yesterday toured the newly devastated areas.

Guest of the Commander-in-Chief, he kept himself informed of each phase of the raid during its progress and methods to meet the attack.

Lord Chatfield was on a visit to Plymouth to consult about awarding medals to civilian raid heroes in earlier attacks.

Undismayed, the townsfolk yesterday settled down to the task once more of cleaning up the city.

THIS TIME MANY BOMBS FELL ACROSS ROADWAYS THEY CAUSED LITTLE DAMAGE BUT INCONVENIENCED TRAFFIC BUT THERE WAS PLENTY OF WORK FOR DEMOLITION AND REPAIR PARTIES.

On the corner of what was once one of the proudest of Plymouth's thoroughfares, a man gazed with saddened eyes at the remains of a temporary building in which his staff was housed since the firm lost their entire premises and stock when the street was gutted in recent raids.

### To Build Again

Promising to build his business to its former pinnacle of "prestige and integrity," he added, "Our staff had not be workless. Hitler will never defeat us this way and the greater and more numerous his attacks the more complete is the faith, endurance and confidence of his victims." Reuter.

Enemy bombers were destroyed by A.A. fire during Monday night's attack on Plymouth. Reuter.

### Second Raid

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Brief air raid alarms were sounded in different parts of England yesterday, but no bombs were dropped.

Plymouth was again heavily attacked last night and large fires were started. The rescue workers are still searching in the debris for victims.

Another town in the same area was also attacked but on a lesser scale. International News Service.

## American Doctors Respond

Red Cross Headquarters in Washington was swamped yesterday with enquiries from American doctors in respond to the call for volunteers to go to England.

Two hundred applications were received yesterday and the Red Cross office in Los Angeles was also reported swamped.

One doctor wired from Chicago "Bag packed. Ready to leave. When, where, do I report?" while others asked "Please wire information on procedure. We are ready to handle our part of the job."

One doctor flew to Washington from New York in order to volunteer personally.

The Red Cross in Washington increased their staff by ten in order to handle applications and make arrangements for doctors to proceed to England. Reuter.

### WITHDRAWAL TO NEW DEFENCES COMPLETED

(Continued from Page 1)

blowing up bridges under heavy roads, and materially delaying land and air attack, mining the onrush of the German panzer detachments.

In Larissa, there was deadly street fighting in which the Australians covered themselves with glory.

Before the grim battle in Larissa was over, the Germans had surrounded the town with tank units, but the Australians refused to capitulate, smashed their way through the German cordon and rejoined their division.

Two companies of New Zealanders held up enormous German forces for three days at a vital pass.—International News Service.

### The Stubborn Greeks

Greek resistance is described by Italian war correspondents as "exceptionally stubborn" according to a Milan telegram to the "Neue Zuercher" in Zurich yesterday.

"The Greeks are clever in their use of terrain and well prepared defences," say these correspondents, adding, "Systematic destruction of all routes available for attackers gives the Greek rear-guards, comprising several divisions, advantages which the Italians can only overcome by tremendous efforts and sacrifices." Reuter.

## U.S. OBSERVER KILLED IN EGYPT

Colonel Gerald Brower, United States military and air observer, has been killed in Egypt, it was announced in Washington yesterday, says Reuter.

## GERTRUDE DRAYTON KILLED

The death by enemy action is announced of Gertrude Drayton, Secretary of the Victoria League and well-known to thousands of Far East students in Britain. Reuter.

## Means Little In Long Run

In the final result the Yugoslav catastrophe means little, says the Swedish newspaper "Goteborg Posten."

From the outbreak of war till March 27, Yugoslavia was a German and Italian pantry, economically quite at the disposal of the Axis. Now it will be under the German war economy.

But after the destruction of the country and the dislike and hate which will develop, Yugoslavia will hardly be more valuable as a purveyor. Reuter.

## STOP PRESS

A British G.H.Q. Cairo, communique states: As the result of action in which the enemy sustained serious casualties, our southern column yesterday occupied an important position covering the approach to Dessie. The forward move of our northern column has again been hampered by extensive road demolitions.

In the southern areas, operations are proceeding satisfactorily and a further 17 officers and 549 other ranks have been captured.—British Wireless.

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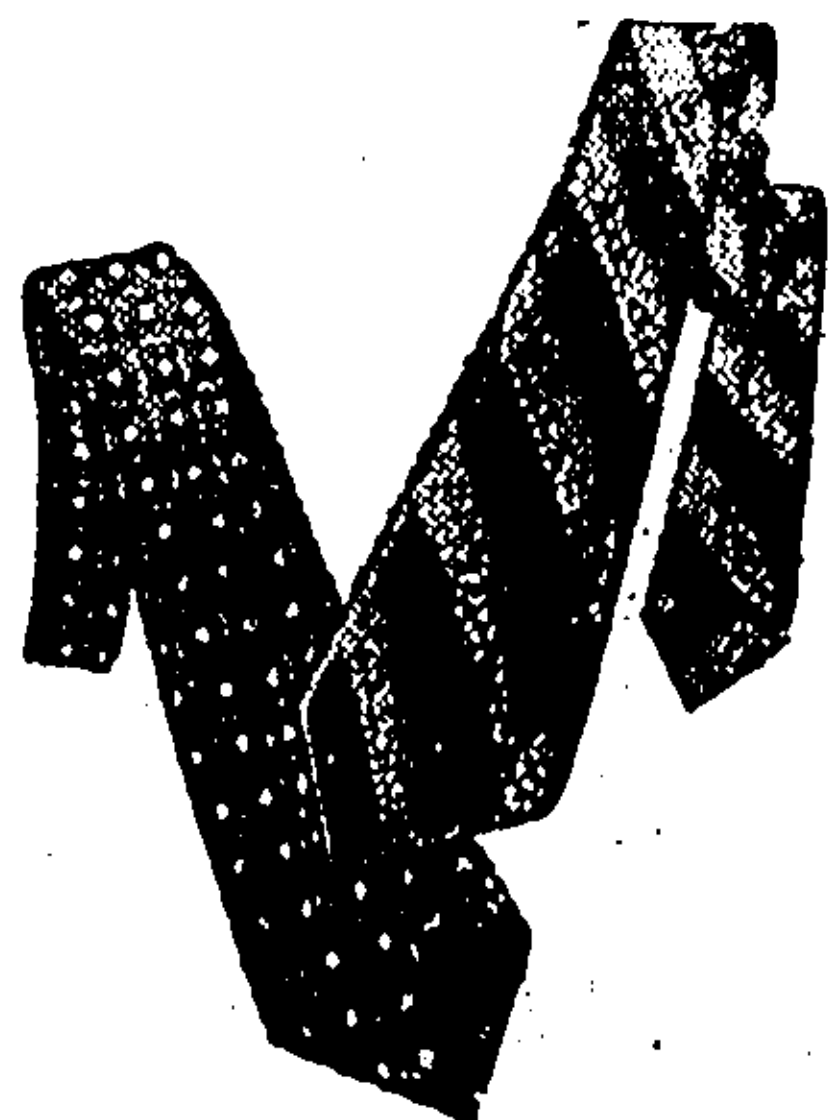
### DEATH

EDWARD.—On April 22nd at Struan Private Hospital, Sydney, Australia, Kathleen Pamela, dearly beloved wife of D. S. Edward, P.W.D., Hong Kong. (By cable).

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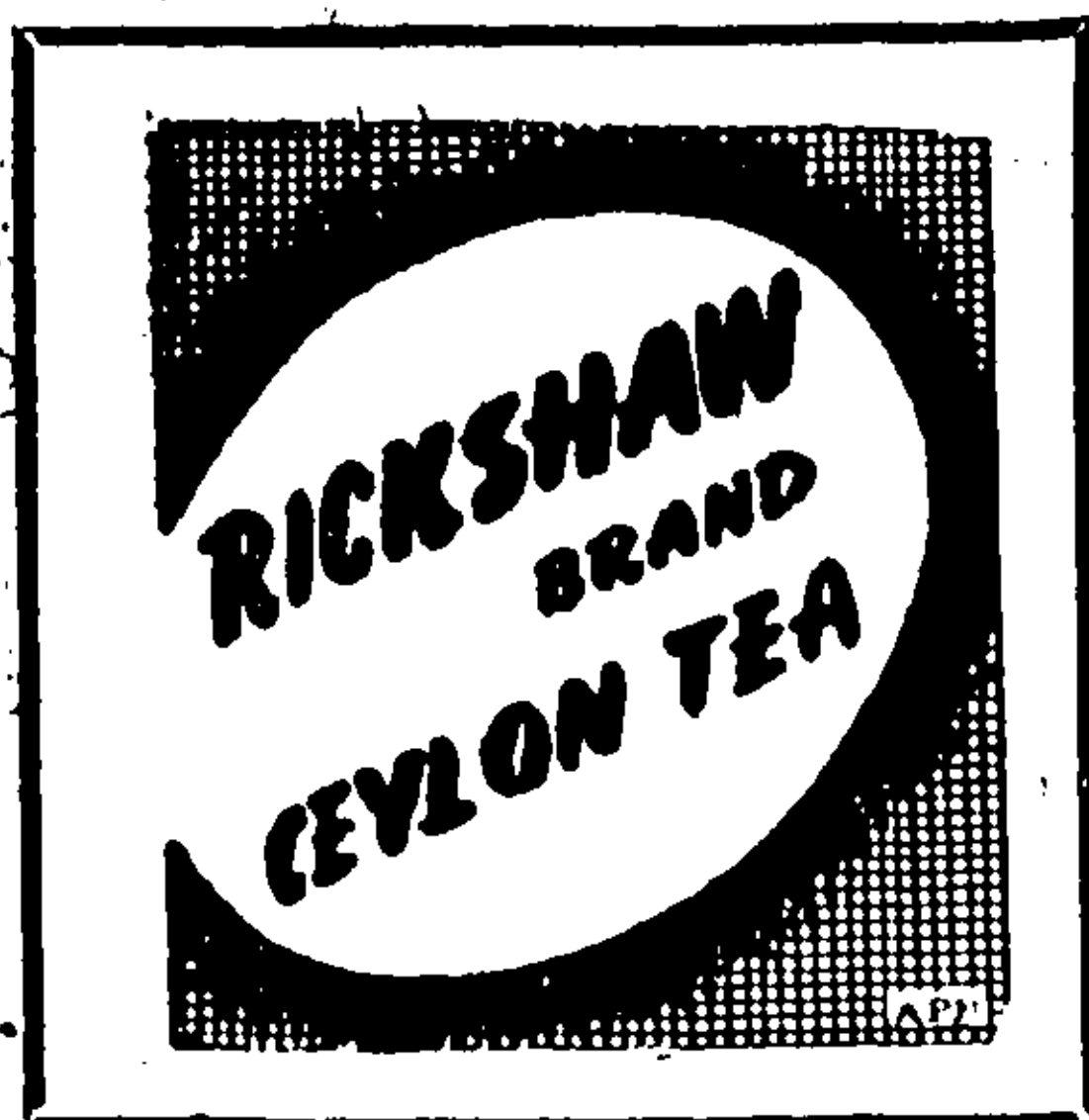
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## GREEK "VERDUN" IN PROSPECT

Stand Expected On Thermopylae-Delphi Line

### GERMAN PRESSURE ON VICHY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Diplomatic advices reaching Washington confirm the reports that Germany is bringing heavy pressure upon Vichy France and Franco Spain to become active members of the so-called "New Order."

It is learned authoritatively that the American Ambassadors in Vichy and Madrid are striving to counteract the German diplomacy by reiterating that the vast resources of the United States are behind Britain and that they should be careful not to back the wrong horse.

The American Government is gravely concerned at the situation, especially as regards France.

Hitler's renewed demand for the reinstatement of M. Laval is causing apprehension.

Informed quarters are convinced that if Laval secures a high post, it will not be long before the French Navy goes into action against the British.

Marshal Petain's recent restatement of a policy precluding any hostile action against France's former ally is, however, not overlooked.—International News Service.

### SHANGHAI SUICIDE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

J. Madeira, general sales manager in Shanghai for the General Electric Company of China, committed suicide this morning.

He was found dying, with a pistol nearby, in the washroom at his office.

It is believed that he gave way to despondency as the result of long ill-health.

A prominent member of the Portuguese community, he was fifty-two years of age.

He was alive when found in a pool of blood and was rushed to hospital with two head wounds. He died after admission.—International News Service.

### MOVE TO TAKE OVER IDLE SHIPS

Legislation authorising the U.S. Government to take over and operate "any foreign vessel lying idle" in United States waters has been introduced by the chairman of the House Merchant Marine

### WARNING WITH WIDE APPLICATION

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Expressing complete confidence that British defence can be kept going, President Roosevelt yesterday issued a warning to the public against swinging from the pinnacles of hope to the depths of despair on the basis of day by day developments.

"The war," he said, "will not be won by one sea battle or one advance on land."

International News Service.

### ITALIANS IN SHANGHAI SEIZE SHIP

British authorities in Shanghai are taking a serious view of the seizure of the Yugoslav freighter "Tomislav" in Shanghai waters by the Italian authorities.

The ship which was under charter by an Australian concern was boarded by twelve Italian marines under an officer yesterday afternoon, after failing to induce the crew to desert it.

A British protest is reported likely to follow as Shanghai waters are considered neutral.—Reuters.

### WASHINGTON TALK ON FAR EAST

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Mr. Cordell Hull, Lord Halifax, British Ambassador and Mr. R. G. Casey, Australian Minister, met yesterday in Washington to discuss the effect of the Russo-Japanese Neutrality Pact upon the Far East situation.

They also exchanged information and views of the general world situation, it is officially revealed.—International News Service.

Committee. The legal and international angles of the situation were discussed by the committee at a lengthy secret sitting.—Reuters.

## Fantastic Goebbels Claims

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THE POSSIBILITY OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF A GREEK "VERDUN" BY A LINE ACROSS THE NARROW PENINSULA COVERING ATHENS, FROM THERMOPYLAE TO THE REGION OF DELPHI, IS STILL ENTERTAINED IN INFORMED MILITARY QUARTERS IN LONDON.

It is stressed that the British Expeditionary Force in Greece is determined to maintain a stand in the new mountain positions as long as possible, and over a front of not more than thirty miles, in terrain giving the Germans minimum room for manoeuvre, there is excellent reason to expect that at least a determined stand can be made.

The greatest danger to the Allied line is in the North-West, where the Greek left flank appears to be experiencing some difficulty in withdrawing at the speed permitting conformity with the British line.

Precise details of the present situation along the battlefield last night were not available in London, and the absence of official accounts from Greece, to which Mr. Churchill referred in the Commons, is creating a difficult situation for War Office spokesmen asked to comment on the fantastic reports emanating from Berlin.

### Goebbels Busy

Apparently capitalising on realisation that their claims cannot at the moment be officially contradicted, all restraint has been lifted by the Goebbels machine and last night it was stated in Berlin: "Latest reports are that German troops are on the outskirts of Athens."

Dr. Goebbels added: Greek collapse and annihilation or capture of the British army is "considered" imminent.

Note the considered. He goes on, in best vein: Reconnaissance pilots say the British are jamming Greek ports waiting embarkation and that numerous small steamers and motorboats are cruising offshore. Twenty-one "transports" evacuating the British have been sunk or damaged. German planes are continuously hammering the harbours. "It is understood (mark the terms) that the Germans have cut off and squeezed the main enemy forces strung along the highways from Lamia to the south. The Germans are "apparently" mopping up the peninsula before driving to Athens."

### British Comment

Military observers, commenting, suggest that if there is any basis at all for the German reports, it is possibly that British rearguards who were holding points at Larissa and points east

### GIBRALTAR RUMOURS

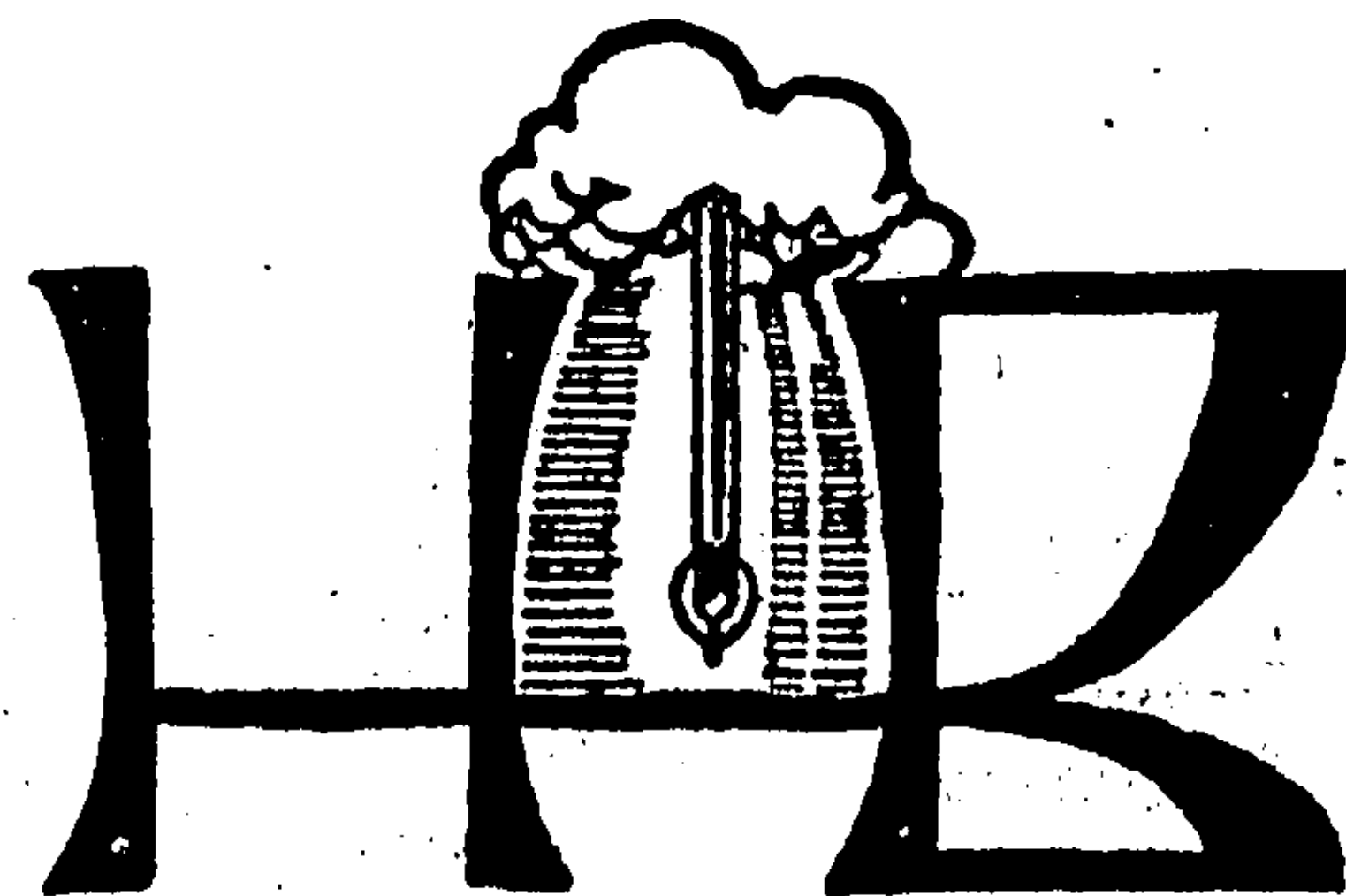
(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

According to a French source in London, large units of German parachute troops and invasion barges are massed at Algeiras in preparation for an attack upon Gibraltar.

According to this source, Germany offered Spain most favoured nation treatment by Germany in return for passage facilities and for their cooperation in the attack upon Gibraltar and promised the French Government the minimum loss of territory in the final peace treaty in return for permission for troops to pass through Unoccupied France.—International News Service.

[There is no confirmation of the Algeiras report from any other source.]

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# Premier Opposes Requests For Debate On Greek Crisis

## ABILITY TO TAKE ROUGH WITH THE SMOOTH

MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL SAID HE HAD LITTLE TO SAY AT THE PRESENT JUNCTURE WHEN HE WAS INVITED IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY, UPON THE RESUMPTION OF PARLIAMENT AFTER THE EASTER RECESS, TO MAKE A STATEMENT ABOUT THE WAR POSITION.

The Prime Minister pointed out that operations of many kinds were going on "and we have others to think of besides ourselves."

He deprecated any proposal for a debate at present and hoped the House would again show forbearance to those who were charged with the conduct of the war and would display to the world those qualities of poise and steadiness which had been its characteristics on so many difficult and anxious occasions.

Only piece of news Mr. Churchill had was about Monday's bombing of Tripoli which lasted 42 minutes and inflicted very heavy damage on the port and shipping in the harbour.

He added that on the way there our naval aircraft intercepted five German troop-carrying planes and shot down four in flames.

"I have not yet heard whether they were full or empty," he added.

The Fleet was not seriously molested and suffered no loss in ships.

### Australian Anxiety

Mr. Hore-Belisha intervened and emphasised that while the House was not desirous of embarrassing operations, urged the necessity for an early debate.

He drew attention to the anxiety expressed in Australia at the lack of authentic news and suggested that Mr. Eden might make a statement on his recent visit to the Middle East.

In the meantime, Mr. Hore-Belisha asked whether it was true that the Germans had occupied Samothrace.

MR. CHURCHILL SAID IT WAS NOT UNLIKELY BUT HE WAS WITHOUT DIRECT INFORMATION.

Mr. Churchill deprecated a statement by Mr. Eden at present because material was not available for presentation of the Government case.

Lord Winterton pressed the question and alluded to the position in Iraq and Spain.

### Not Convenient

Mr. Churchill said it was one for debate on foreign affairs but to have a statement on Mr. Eden's tour at the present moment would not be convenient for the House or in the public interest.

Sir Archibald Southby asked for a statement on Libya because "people are getting exercised in mind, and a statement would reassure them."

Mr. Churchill replied that unlike the situation in Greece, we were very accurately informed about what was occurring in Libya.

At this point, a member interjected "Greece is more important."

### No Comparisons

There was some dissent and the Premier continued: "I don't think we should embark on comparisons among the different classes of dangerous duties undertaken by His Majesty's forces." (Cheers). He did not, however, think any statement about Libya would be appropriate now or for some little time to come.

Mr. Ernest Shinwell (Lab.) suggested a statement in secret, "to remove some of the uneasiness which exists."

MR. CHURCHILL FLATLY DISAGREED THAT THERE WAS ANY PUBLIC UNEASINESS.

"The public are showing all those qualities of stability and phlegm when things are not going well which have made us what we are and have carried us thus far on our journey." Reuter.

### Scanty Information

Replying to a question the Prime Minister said it was quite obvious that once the situation reaches momentary arrest, a full statement should be made to the House as to what has happened in the past.

As to the criticisms of the scanty information being given meanwhile, he must frankly say that they had had the very greatest difficulty in obtaining full accounts of the difficult and intricate movements of our forces in Greece.

"They have been of the most complicated character and carried out with extraordinary skill, but even the Government have not received from day to day full information from the commanders."

"There has not been any hindrance to the course of action or operation, and I have asked that we shall have fuller reports, if possible, without prejudice to the interests on the spot in future." British Wireless.

## NAVAL SUPPORT URGED

Support of British sea-power in the Atlantic is more than necessary for defence of the western hemisphere, writes Walter Lippmann, the American columnist.

The decision to defend Greenland proves this conclusively. Only reason we are now able to undertake the defence of Greenland is that the British Isles stand unconquered with their navy between Greenland and Hitler's Europe.

Were Britain to fall, Greenland would fall too. If we are unable to hold the outposts, of which by all odds the greatest is the British Isles, the positions we have to defend will become bases for attack.—Reuter.



The Post Office are employing girl messengers to deliver telegrams in towns and villages in which it is impossible to obtain enough boys. The girls will be attached only to offices where women are employed. Uniform is provided—a winter coat, skirt, felt hat, south-wester, waterproof cape and shoes and gaiters. Photo shows the telegram boy and girl of to-day. (Copyright, Fox).

## SHANGHAI CINEMAS' UNION

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") EMPLOYEES OF SHANGHAI CINEMAS HAVE ORGANISED A UNION AND HAVE MADE DEMANDS FOR AN INCREASE IN WAGES. A SHOWDOWN IN THE DISPUTE IS NEAR.

Commercial Press workers in Shanghai yesterday threatened to strike unless their demands for an increase were granted.

According to the police 36 strikes occurred in Shanghai during March, involving 6,000 workers.—International News Service.

## NEW TAX PLAN KEPT A SECRET

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Republican members of the U. S. House of Representatives Ways and Means Committee yesterday demanded that full information be given the public on the Treasury's drastic proposals to raise \$3,500,000,000 in new taxes. The demand was made after the Democratic Party slapped a gag on the Treasury's proposals, to prevent any member from disclosing the rates taxpayers may have to bear at the beginning of the new fiscal year.—International News Service.



Certain trains of the L.N.E.R. now include a modern buffet car exclusively reserved for serving light refreshments to members of H.M. forces. This new facility is an experiment by the railway in cooperation with the Army Welfare Department, the Salvation Army and Y.M.C.A. It means the troops get buffet service at canteen prices and will be extended if successful. Photo shows a scene in the buffet car on the King's Cross to Edinburgh express. (Copyright, Fox).

## R.A.F. POUNDING AWAY AT NAZIS IN LIBYA

R.A.F. BOMBERS made heavy attacks on Derne, Gazala and aerodromes in Libya on Monday, states an Air Ministry communique recording undiminished activity against enemy positions in which damage and a large number of casualties were inflicted.

Bombs burst among planes aground and fires revealed a number were destroyed. Motor transport concentrations at Bardia and Capuzzo were bombed and machine-gunned and a number of explosions observed among the vehicles.

During patrols R.A.F. fighters encountered Messerschmitts. One rammed an enemy aircraft which crashed. The British plane sustained some damage, but was safely landed by the pilot.

About 10 tons of bombs were dropped from a low altitude on Tripoli harbour in a raid on Sunday night and Monday morning.

Hits were observed on the harbour and military buildings near Karamanli mole. Many large fires were started and these were bombed again to prevent their being extinguished.—Reuter.

## THE R.A.F.'S TECHNICAL SUPERIORITY

An R.A.F. Middle East bulletin states that the superiority of R.A.F. fighter aircraft over German aircraft of all types, which already has been abundantly demonstrated in Europe, is still proved satisfactorily in the Middle East.

Since the beginning of the year 222 enemy aircraft have been shot down, including 88 used for dive-bombing and carrying highly-trained crews.

German fighters have been shot down with the same regularity as Italian.

Over 50 Messerschmidt 109's and 110's have been destroyed since they appeared on the Middle East front.

The figures are the more remarkable in view of the fact that R.A.F. losses in the first three months of the year were only 62, and in a great many cases the pilots were saved.—Reuter.

## ST. LAWRENCE POWER PROJECT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") In a further move to solidify joint United States-Canadian defence efforts, President Roosevelt is expected to deliver a special message to Congress in a few days urging all possible speed in approving the St. Lawrence power project.—International News Service.

## NEW LIGHT ON RUMANIA

Hitler's attitude to General Antonescu, the Rumanian Premier, was referred to by Baron von Killinger, German Ambassador in Bucharest, in an address to the German colony in the Rumanian capital on Hitler's birthday.

According to the Rumanian news agency, Killinger said Antonescu continued to be considered by the Fuehrer and the German people as representative of Rumania, and the Reich would uphold him in his actions "for the good of his country and the maintenance of friendship between Germany and Rumania."

There have recently been reports of friction between the Nazi authorities and General Antonescu.—Reuter.



# GERMAN DIPLOMATIC OFFENSIVE

## Trying To Cash In On Advance In The Balkans

### Pressure Upon Vichy And Madrid

(By Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent)

**THERE HAS BEEN A REMARKABLE RE-CRUESCENCE OF GERMANY'S DIPLOMATIC OFFENSIVE IN THE PAST FEW DAYS WHICH SUGGESTS THAT SHE IS TRYING TO CASH IN AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE ON HER SUCCESSES IN THE BALKANS AND LIBYA.**

It is all part of the war of nerves in the use of which the Germans have shown themselves very expert.

Their diplomatic activities extend from Moscow to Madrid and east and west, and it is one of the same story, although German plans seem to have taken more concrete shape in the West, where both Vichy and Madrid are being exposed to the full blast of German propaganda.

In the east both German Ambassadors from Moscow and Ankara have been summoned to Berlin, so until they return to their posts German pressure may not be fully exerted.

IN VICHY, HOWEVER, THERE IS REASON TO BELIEVE HITLER THINKS THE TIME HAS COME TO PUT HIS CARDS ON THE TABLE.

#### Offers To France

Reports received from various channels concur in outline of concessions offered to France but are more reticent as to German demands in exchange for these concessions, which would include reduced payment of expenses for the German troops of occupation, release of a quarter of the total number of war prisoners, and rectification of the frontier between occupied and unoccupied France.

But there is nothing definite as to the other side of the picture except of rumours of the right of passage of troops to Spain.

#### Chief Concern

It is obvious, however, that Germany's chief concern is still the fleet and French naval bases in the Mediterranean, and these questions in one shape or other must underline any deal between Otto Abetz and Admiral Darlan who is reported to be going to Paris once again.

Madrid, according to these same channels of German inspiration, is being once again pressed to join the Axis and allow the passage of German troops to assault Gibraltar.

The Germans apparently feel the time has come to make a big effort to close this, and of course the Mediterranean, and establish air and submarine bases on our lines of communication to the Cape and South America. — Reuter.

### HEROINES OF THE HOSPITALS

Sterling deeds of heroism among bombed hospitals were legion, the Health Minister, Mr. Ernest Brown, declared addressing a Mansion House Hospitals Day meeting in London yesterday.

Mr. Brown told "the simple but wonderful" story of a hospital telephone girl.

Though lying pinned under debris she carried on her duties.

### British Empire Medal

"The British Empire Medal," as a military and civil award, has been instituted as an amendment of the statutes of the Order of the British Empire, promulgated in the London Gazette last night.

The medal will be of silver, bearing on the obverse a representation of Britannia and the motto of the Order with the words, "For Meritorious Service" and on the reverse the Royal and Imperial cypher and the words, "Instituted by King George the Fifth."

The new medal takes the place of the medal of the Order that was abolished when the George Cross was instituted. — Reuter.

### MATSUOKA ON JAPAN'S POLICY OF PEACE

MR. MATSUOKA, THE Japanese Foreign Minister, declared to Japanese pressmen in Tokyo yesterday that "it should be quite clear that Japan is following a peaceful policy."

"The United States is posing as the champion of peace. If that is so I am sure that Americans will recognise Japan's peaceful policy once America understands our true intentions."

Asked as to future diplomatic developments centring round conclusion of the Neutrality Treaty with the Soviet, Mr. Matsuoka sidestepped the question by saying: "I am not in a position to say anything beyond what has been announced, especially as to future developments. I leave it to you to make your own comment."

and dealt with 122 calls while in that position.

Mr. Brown declared Hitler's campaign of terrorism would always fall against people who stick to their duty, a job to be done, whatever may happen. — Reuter.

### HITLER MESSAGE TO PETAIN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

It was reported in Vichy yesterday that Hitler has sent a personal message to Marshal Petain offering "intensive collaboration" as a possible prelude to permanent peace.

Simultaneously it was rumoured that Pierre Laval may be restored to the Government soon as a member of a partially reconstituted Cabinet.

Informed Berlin quarters declared that "while Laval's return to the Vichy Cabinet would undoubtedly be desirable, all speculations on such a possibility at present are untimely."

It is noted that the collaboration rumours followed the two-day Cabinet meeting in Madrid, leading to the belief that Spain's role in the war may soon be more clearly defined, with implications affecting Gibraltar.

As part of the projected closer Franco-German cooperation Hitler is said to have offered to release and return 500,000 war prisoners, mostly farmers, to France. International News Service.

### \$2,000,000 JEWEL HAUL IN SHANGHAI

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Jewels worth \$2,000,000 were stolen from Madame Garnett's dressmaking shop in the Cathay Hotel in Shanghai over the week-end.

A Chinese servant acknowledged his guilt in a letter received yesterday by Madame Garnett, who is the wife of L. Riggio, Shanghai's Fascist leader. International News Service.

### BANK EMPLOYEES LEAVING JOBS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The crisis facing the four Chungking banks in Shanghai continues to be grave as more employees of the banks quit for safer jobs, despite the Chungking Government assurance that no date has yet been set for reopening of the banks.

Business circles express pessimism over the future outlook. International News Service.

### MARSHAL PETAIN'S ATTITUDE

German relations with Spain and with the Vichy Government are being closely watched in Zurich.

The Berlin correspondent of the "Neue Zürcher Zeitung" calls attention to the increasingly anti-British tendency of the Spanish press. This, he says, is being followed in Berlin "with the greatest interest although official circles so far have declined to make any comment."

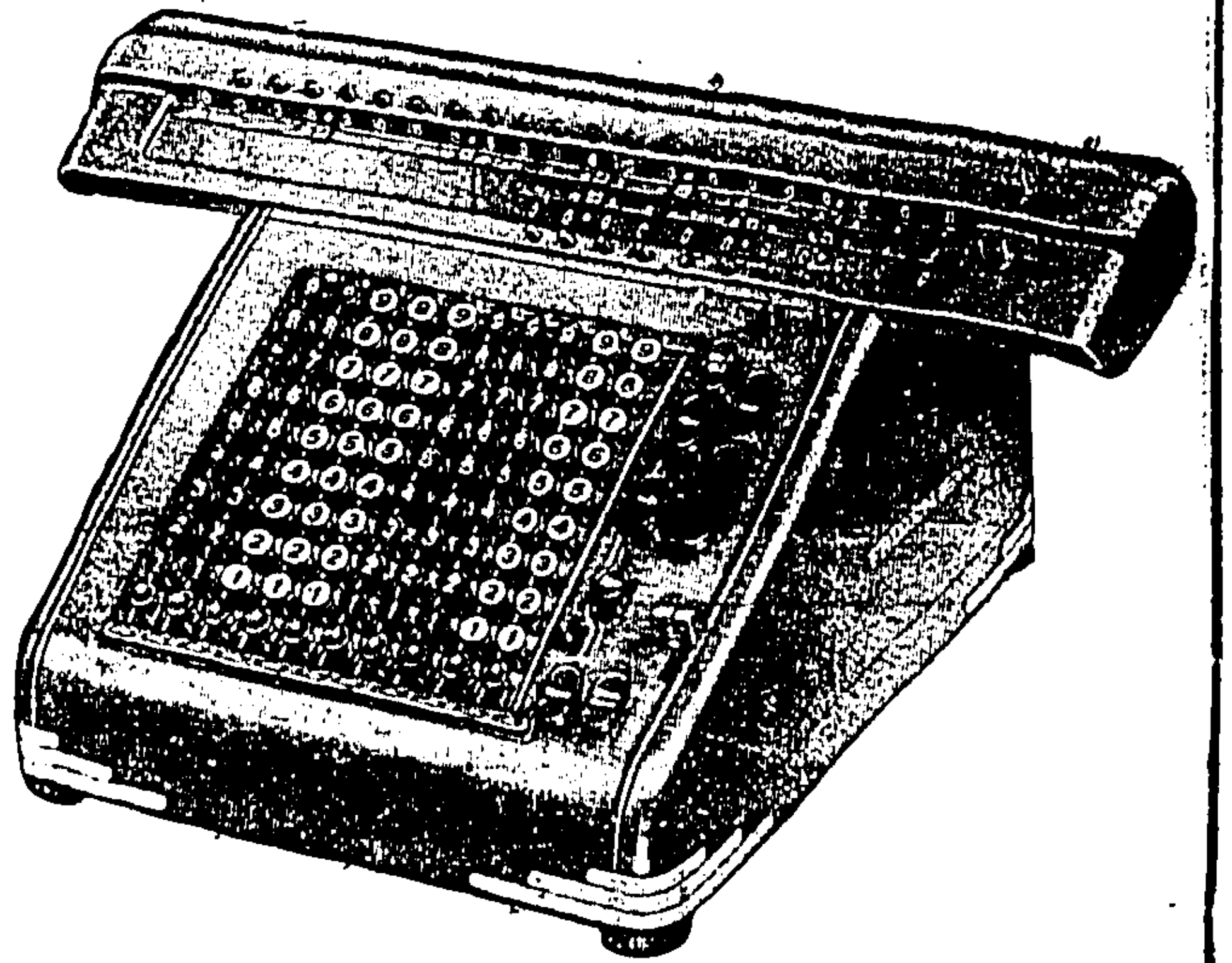
NOTHING IS KNOWN IN ZURICH OF ANY GERMAN PROPOSALS FOR PASSAGE OF GERMAN TROOPS THROUGH UNOCCUPIED FRANCE AND SPAIN, BUT IT IS BELIEVED THAT THEY ARE ANXIOUS TO SECURE GENERAL WEYGAND'S RECALL REGARDING HIM AS THE OBSTACLE TO THEIR HOPES OF USING FRENCH NORTH AFRICAN PORTS AS BASES FOR MILITARY OPERATIONS.

Meanwhile, Franco-German industrial cooperation is being tightened by the grant of many orders to French firms for war material and other goods for Germany.

Whatever Admiral Darlan's inclinations may be, however, there is no evidence that Marshal Petain has altered his standpoint of refusing any military or naval concessions to Germany which might involve France in war with Britain. — Reuter.

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#### No Conflict Of Pacts

Regarding reinforcement of the Tripartite Alliance and his relationship with the Neutrality Pact, Mr. Matsuoka said: "The Tripartite Pact cannot be strengthened any further. The Neutrality Pact does not in the least conflict with the Tripartite Pact."

He added the Neutrality Pact would have a favourable effect on such pending issues as the conclusion of a trade treaty and settlement of the fishery issue with the Soviet Union. — Reuter.



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# INDIA'S FUTURE: IN WAR, IN PEACE AND IN FREEDOM

INDIA COULD PRODUCE 2,000,000 FIGHTING MEN, SAID MR. L. S. AMERY, SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INDIA, SPEAKING IN THE DEBATE IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY ON INDIA.

Unfortunately, he added, that was not enough. He pointed out that the Yugoslav army, "a million of the bravest soldiers in the world," was scattered and broken by the armoured divisions of German foresight and determination on war — while we, in our self-delusion, allowed the locusts to eat precious years we were now trying to retrieve for ourselves and India.

In these matters India was dependent upon us and upon America also and could only slowly make good what ought to have been made good in previous years.

Every effort was being made in that direction. The establishment in India of the Eastern Group Supply Council and a central provision depot for all theatres of war in that part of the world was important now and might be of immense consequence if the war developed in certain directions which we could not foresee.

## India's Freedom

India's speedy attainment of the fullest measure of freedom is desired by all parties in Britain, declared Mr. Amery, but he emphasised "It is for Indian statesmen to find that measure of agreement which is indispensable if we on our side are to make our further contribution towards completion of our own task in India, a task of joining with them in crowning peace and unity with freedom."

Mr. Amery was submitting resolutions which were passed unanimously, extending for another 12 months the proclamations issued under the India Act, empowering the governor of a province to assume the powers vested in the provincial authorities if he was satisfied a situation had arisen in which parliamentary government could not carry on in accordance with the Act.

He recalled that this situation arose in October, 1939, owing to the action of the Congress executive in ordering Congress ministries to resign.

## Provincial Government

He reminded the House that these resolutions concerned Assam, Sind and the Punjab, with a population of about 100,000,000 people—one-third of the whole population of British India — provincial self-government continued to work uninterruptedly under composite governments, including Moslem and Hindu ministers.

## "High Command"

Turning to the remaining seven provinces which Mr. Amery said had been forbidden to build up a practice and tradition in self-government "by the ukase of the Congress High Command," the electors had shown no signs of distress at the suspension of Parliamentary government.

"The change to direct personal government by Governors and permanent officials had met with general acquiescence and indeed goodwill.

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## CONTINUOUS R.A.F. RAIDS IN GREECE

An R.A.F. communique states that R.A.F. bombers have made heavy and continuous attacks on enemy-occupied aerodromes in Northern Greece.

Many fires broke out on the aerodromes at the sides where a number of aircraft were destroyed on the ground.

At another aerodrome, three large explosions were caused by the bombing and our bombers then machine-gunned aircraft on the ground.

Motor transport columns near Veria were also machine-gunned. Some damage was caused to R.A.F. aerodromes by enemy attacks.

It is now confirmed that in air combats on April 20, twenty-two German aircraft were destroyed twenty by our fighters and two by the ground defences — making an increase of six on those claimed in the earlier communique. — British Wireless.

of particular policies. — British Wireless.

Referring to the civil disobedience campaign, Mr. Amery said that on the whole the movement had proceeded languidly without evoking much popular interest except in the United Provinces, which in recent months had contributed more than half the offences.

By the middle of March some 7,000 offenders were convicted, of whom some 5,000 were still in prison. The whole business was regrettable but Government had no alternative but to enforce the law. — Reuter.

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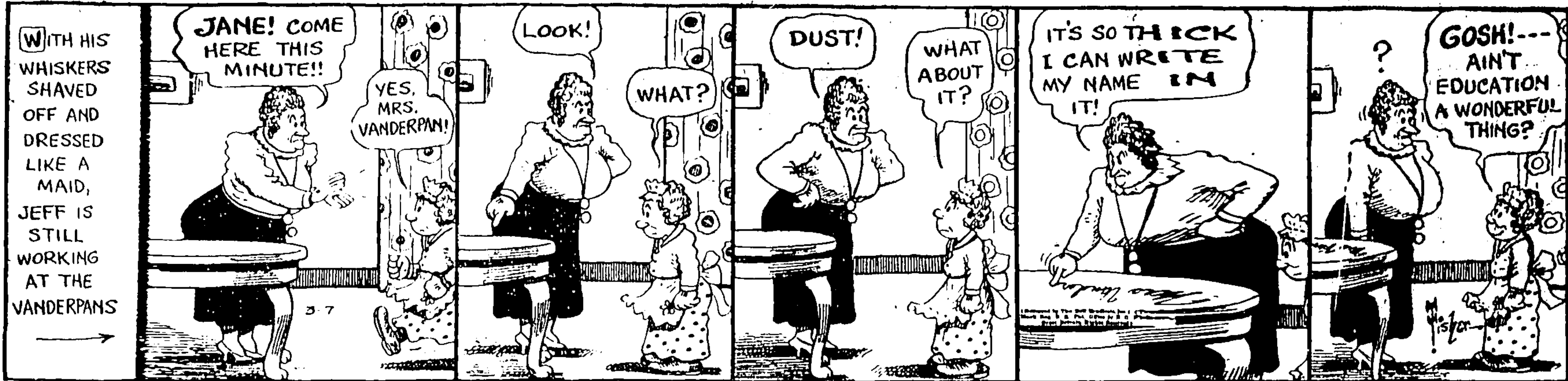
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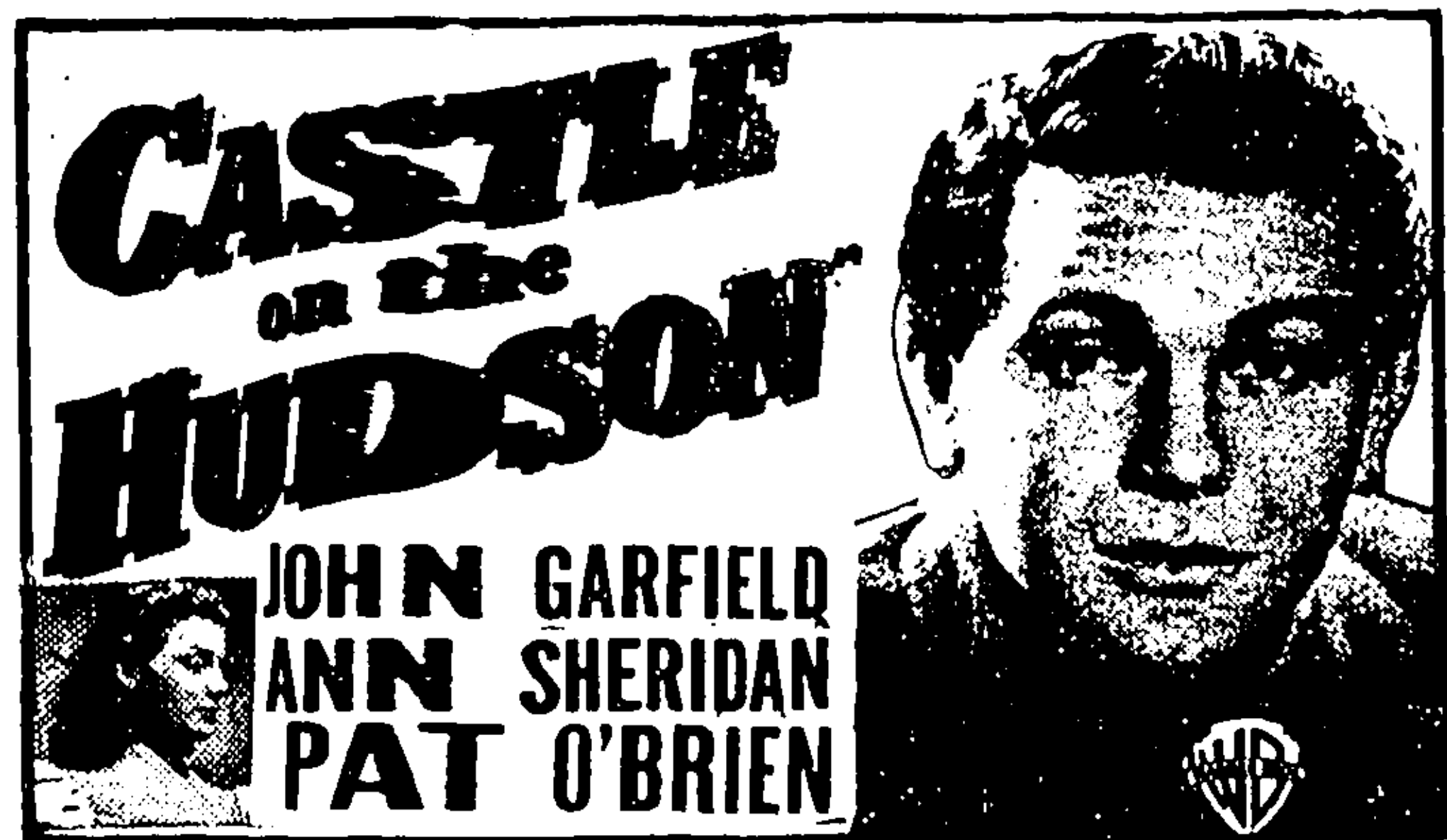
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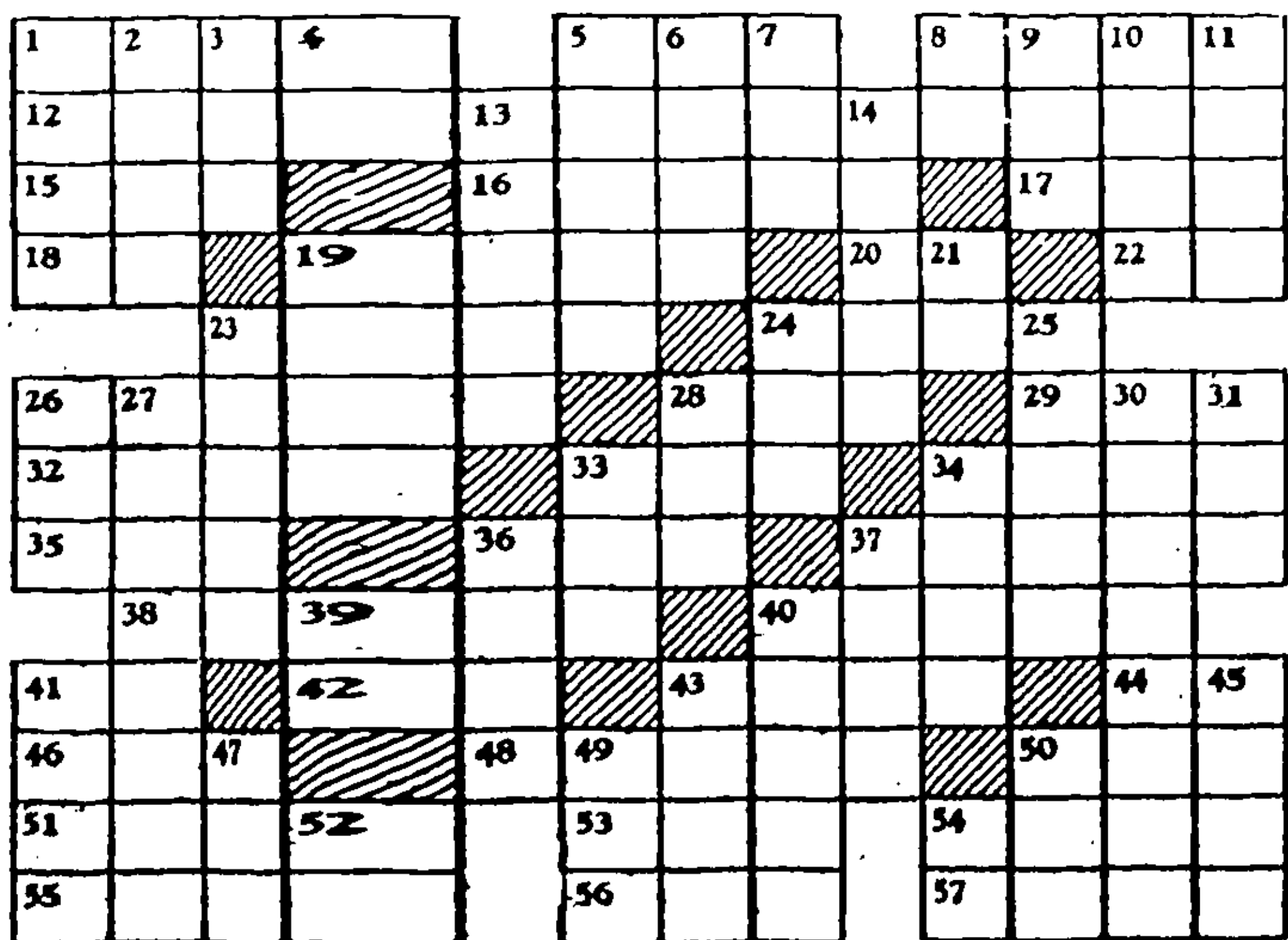


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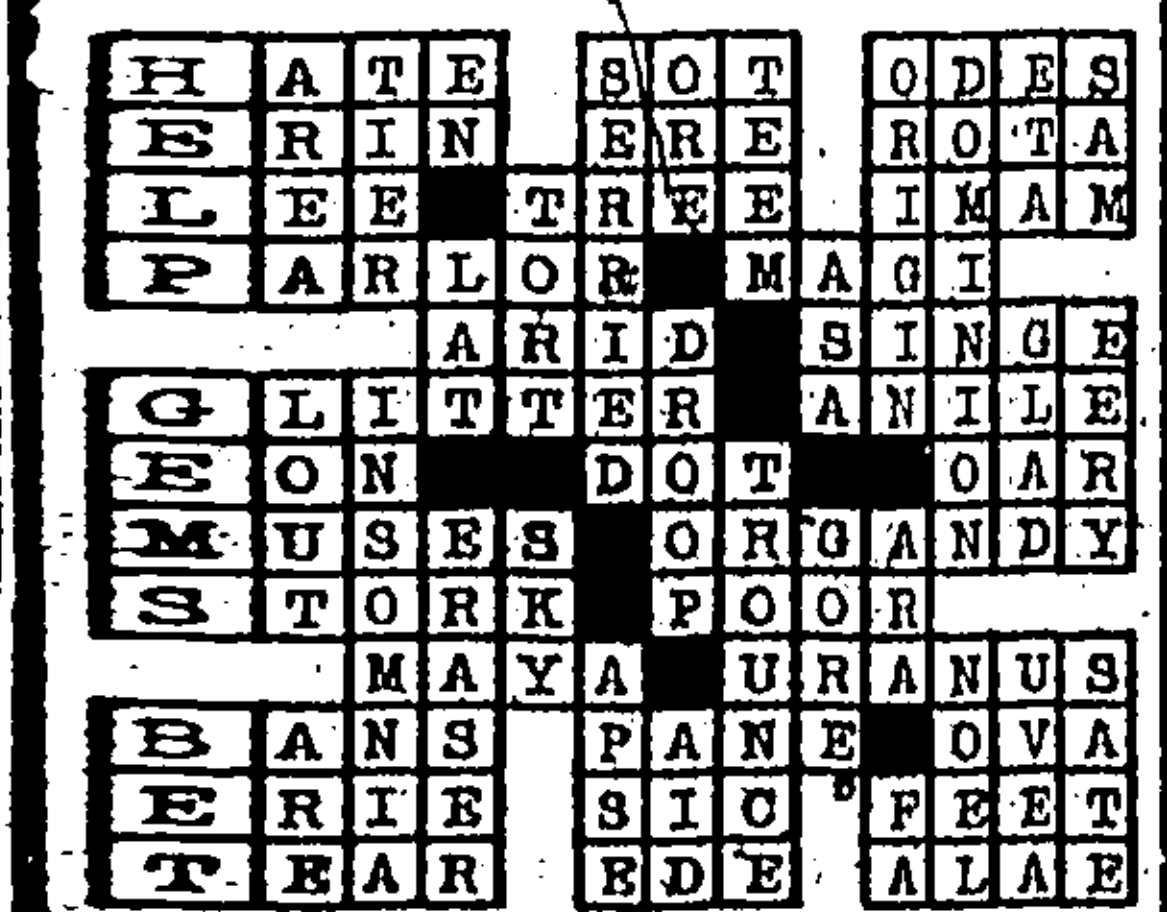
HORIZONTAL

- 1 To glide
- 5 Faucet
- 8 To depend
- 12 Tireless
- 15 Beverage
- 16 To make amends
- 17 To spar
- 18 Possessive pronoun
- 19 Snare
- 20 Printer's measure
- 22 Latin conjunction
- 23 Timidity
- 24 Former ruler
- 26 Tendency
- 28 Digit
- 29 Ovum
- 32 Retained
- 33 Male child
- 34 River in Spain
- 35 The self
- 36 Animal's foot
- 37 Fold
- 38 To contract
- 40 Allotted
- 41 Part of "to be"
- 42 Land measure
- 43 Part of a clarinet
- 44 Above
- 45 Gaelic sea-god
- 48 To rub out

VERTICAL

- 1 Asiatic kingdom
- 2 Just
- 3 Fruit drink
- 4 Note of scale
- 5 Mongol
- 6 On top of
- 7 To fasten
- 8 French article

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



**O'GRADY NOT TO DIE**

Mrs. O'Grady, forty-two-year-old British housewife, who was sentenced to death at Hampshire Assizes for treachery, has successfully appealed. The convictions on the capital charges under the Treachery Act and the death sentence were quashed, but she was sentenced to fourteen years' penal servitude on other counts.

Her husband, L.C.C. fireman and ex-sailor, who was dismayed and astonished when he heard of the charges against his wife, was present at her appeal. He was present at the Central Criminal Court, and when it was decided to hear the appeal in camera an application for Mr. O'Grady to be admitted was granted.

While she was in prison on remand, Mrs. O'Grady had refused to see her husband.

Dorothy Pamela O'Grady, of Sandown, Isle of Wight, was present in the dock to hear the arguments in support of her appeal. She answered her name in a quiet, steady voice.

**Nine Charges**

At the conclusion of the judgment, which was delivered in camera, Lord Caldecote announced, in open court:

"The conviction on the two capital charges under the Treachery Act has been quashed, and sentence has been passed by the Court on charges on which the appellant was convicted, but on which the Judge passed no sentence."

"This Court has passed a sentence of fourteen years' penal servitude on the counts other than those under the Treachery Act."

It had been alleged that Mrs. O'Grady, in the Isle of Wight, made a plan likely to be of assistance to the military operations of the enemy, and that, with intent to help the enemy, she cut a military telephone wire.

She answered nine charges under the Treachery Act, the Official Secrets Act and the Defence Regulations.

**REINFORCEMENTS REACH MANILA**

More than two thousand American troops arrived in Manila yesterday morning on the transport "Republic."

Fourteen hundred men, comprising the 16th and 60th Coast Artillery will reinforce the garrison of Fort Mills at Corregidor, and the remainder are replacements.

The "Republic" is taking a large number of army and naval families home.—Reuter.

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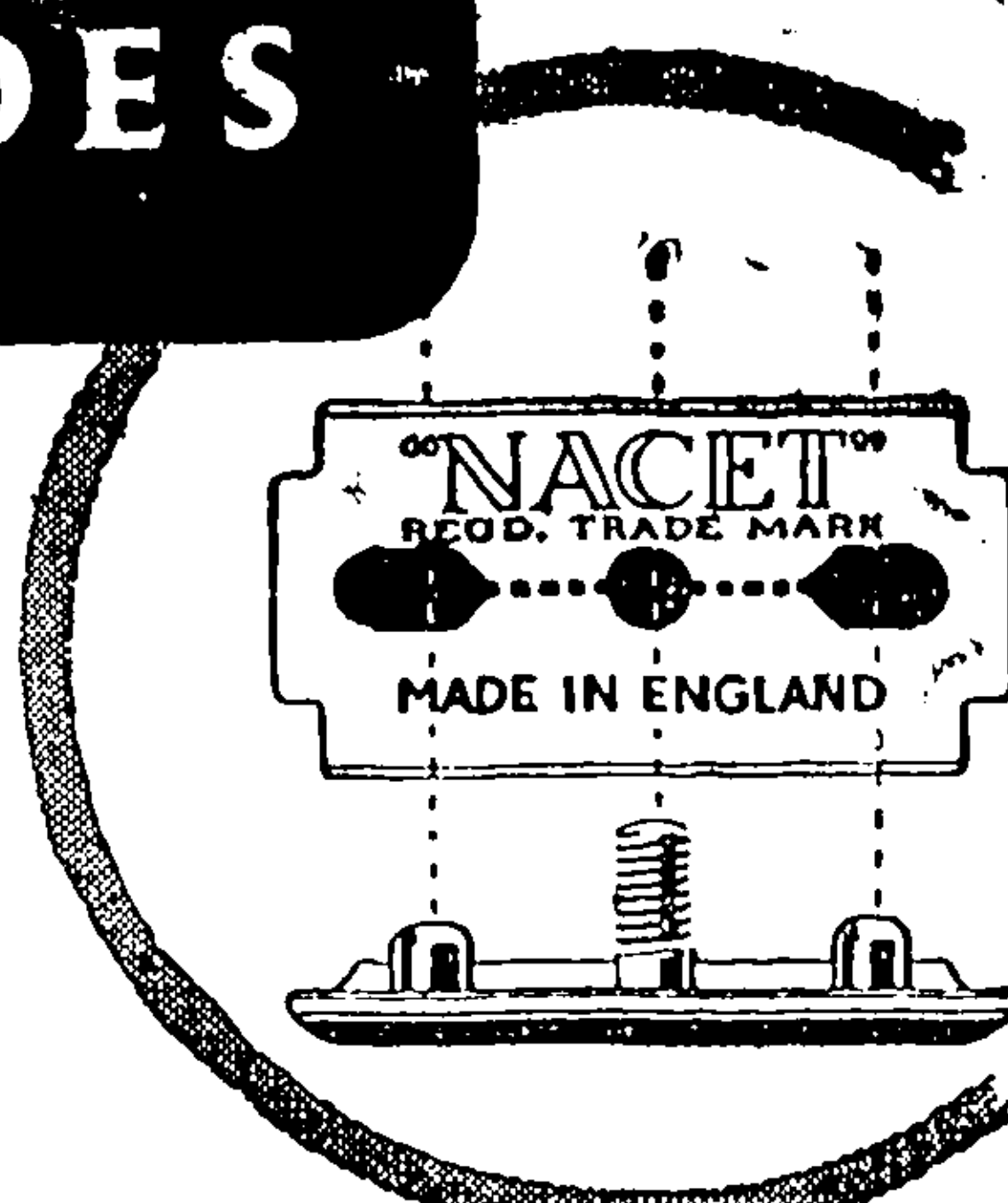
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# ITALIANS TURN AND FIGHT ON DESSIE ROAD

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent with the South African Forces in Abyssinia on the Dessie Road)

**THE BATTLE FOR DESSIE GOES ON. THE ITALIANS WHO HAVE TURNED AND GIVEN FIGHT ARE SHOWING MOST STUBBORN RESISTANCE SINCE THE BATTLE OF KEREN.**

South Africans are fighting in bitter cold at night and in tropical heat by day. Their clothes are torn to shreds by thorn bushes and they are frequently drenched to the skin by torrential thunderstorms.

Through all this they are anxious to get at grips with the remnants of the Italian Northern Army.

The Italians occupy a strong defensive position where a semi-circular mountain ridge commands a straight stretch of road across the plateau.

Italian big guns in concrete emplacements on the top of the saddle back Mountain have poured out a heavy barrage which has cut furrows in the "Victory Way" over which South African troops have been chasing the enemy tearing at breakneck speed back over every hard won milestone of the 1935 campaign.

Shells whistled overhead while South African guns were rushed ahead in an attempt to silence the enemy batteries. Italian fire was controlled from Abyssinian posts cleverly concealed among the mountain peaks.

### Artillery Battle

The battle is developing into a ding-dong artillery duel. Frequent thunderstorms drown the roar of the battle and drench troops to the skin.

A few days ago, one battle was fought at the height of nearly 9,000 feet. The cold was intense. The difficulties in fighting an almost invisible enemy, strongly entrenched in a country like a scenic railway, may probably slightly delay the Imperial advance but the officers of the Imperial forces are confident that the Italians will be dislodged when their troops are able to get at closer grips. — Reuter.

### Serious Casualties

A British G.H.Q., Cairo, communique states: As the result of action in which the enemy sustained serious casualties, our southern column yesterday occupied an important position covering the approach to Dessie. The forward move of our northern column has again been hampered by extensive road demolitions.

In the southern areas, operations are proceeding satisfactorily and a further 17 officers and 549 other ranks have been captured. — British Wireless.

## NEW STAY-ON ARMY BUTTON

(BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT)  
Experiments are being made with plastic buttons to be used instead of the brass ones on battle-dress.

Soldiers complain that the sharpened holes of brass buttons cut the thread after a few weeks' wear and the buttons come off.

"And the girl-friend's not always handy to sew them on," they say, remembering that a battle-dress has more than thirty brass buttons.

The new plastic buttons have smooth holes which will not cut the thread.

"We are considering changing over to them," the War Office told me.

### SERIOUS CHARGE

Captain Walter Harold Powlesland Chatter, of the Middlesex Regiment, was allowed bail in the sum of \$500 at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, when he appeared before Major A. N. Macfadyen on a serious charge.

Det.-Sgt. N. E. Fraser is in charge of the case.

## CODES FOUND IN RAID

Lee Wan-hoi, manager of the Shoon Woo Fat Firm, No 31, Bonham Strand West, was summoned before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, for having in his possession two private codes. Sgt. Russell, of the Special Branch, said that the codes were found in accused's premises when they were raided.

A fine of \$100 was imposed.

## S.C.A. CLERK CHARGED

Lewis Tang, 33, clerk, of the S.C.A., was charged before Mr. G. T. Lowry this morning, with accepting a bribe of \$1 from Li Kang-ming, at his office yesterday.

Mr. C. A. S. Russ pleaded not guilty on behalf of defendant, while Sub-Inspector J. O'Donovan is for the prosecution.

Hearing was fixed for Tuesday, April 27.

## NAVAL ANCHORAGE OFFENCE

Charged with using grappling irons and other methods of lifting articles from the sea-bed at the Naval Anchorage at Kowloon without permission, Chan Mui, boatmaster, and Chang Ka-so, boatmistress, were fined \$7 or seven days at the Marine Court this morning by Commander T. C. Stiff.

Charged with robbing Chan Tin-yu of a purse, three Chinese were remanded for a week by Mr. H. C. Macnamara at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

# ABYSSINIANS HAND OVER TOWN TO US

**NATIVE BOYS, PROUDLY CARRYING ABANDONED ITALIAN RIFLES AND BANDOLIERS, GREETED A BRITISH OFFICER AS HE "OCCUPIED" THE NORTH-WESTERN ABYSSINIA TOWN OF ADI REMOZ. THE STORY WAS TOLD BY THE OFFICER HIMSELF.**

He has just returned to the Sudan after taking over control of 5,000 square miles of the Abyssinian provinces of Wolkait and Togade.

The officer entered Abyssinia to check reports that the Italians were evacuating the region.

"Before I had gone ten miles," he said, "I was greeted by a delegation of chiefs, who asked me to go to Adi Remoz, which the Italians had just left."

### People Cheer

"At every village we went through, our khaki-camouflaged British cars were greeted by cheering, singing and stamping inhabitants, while priests held up our passage and blessed us with their ornate silver crosses.

"At Adi Remoz we were welcomed with cups of Tej (Abyssinian honey wine) and dishes of chopped raw meat, which the Abyssinians love.

## ITALIAN ARMY GIVING BATTLE NEAR DESSIE

The Italian northern army in Abyssinia has "turned" and given battle in front of Dessie, according to a despatch from a special correspondent with the South African forces, says Reuter from Johannesburg.

## NANKING SHOOT FIVE CHINESE

Five prisoners convicted of attempting to frustrate the peace movement and for endangering the currency system of the Nanking Government were executed by a firing squad to-day by order of the Ministry of Police of the Nanking regime, says the Japanese-controlled "Central Press Service" in Shanghai.

Three of the prisoners were found engaged in "espionage against the peace movement while the other two confessed to having assassinated employees of the Central Reserve Bank," (Nanking regime) the announcement states. Reuter.

## MINES LOOSE IN ATLANTIC

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THE NAVY DEPARTMENT IN WASHINGTON HAS WARNED ALL SHIPPING AGAINST DRIFTING MINES.

It is reported that mines have been sighted in "many widely separated localities and special precaution should be taken to insure a good lookout."

One mine was sighted 190 miles to the north of Haiti. — International News Service.

## BRITISH SEIZE SHIP BARBER

British officials at Bermuda boarded the American liner Ex-cambion and removed the ship's barber, Oscar Richard Stabler, on suspicion of espionage.

Stabler is German born but was naturalised as an American in 1933. — Reuter.

"All the notables I contacted freely recognised the Emperor's authority, and before leaving I appointed one of them to take charge."

### Fascists Shot

For weeks these chiefs had been corresponding with the Emperor, and before the Italian garrison even got out of the town weapons which they had left behind were turned on them.

Two blackshirts were shot in the streets, and 55 along the route of their flight.

Every Abyssinian male from the age of ten upwards was armed to the teeth with abandoned weapons, the officer added.

In their panic flight the Italians abandoned thousands of rounds of ammunition.



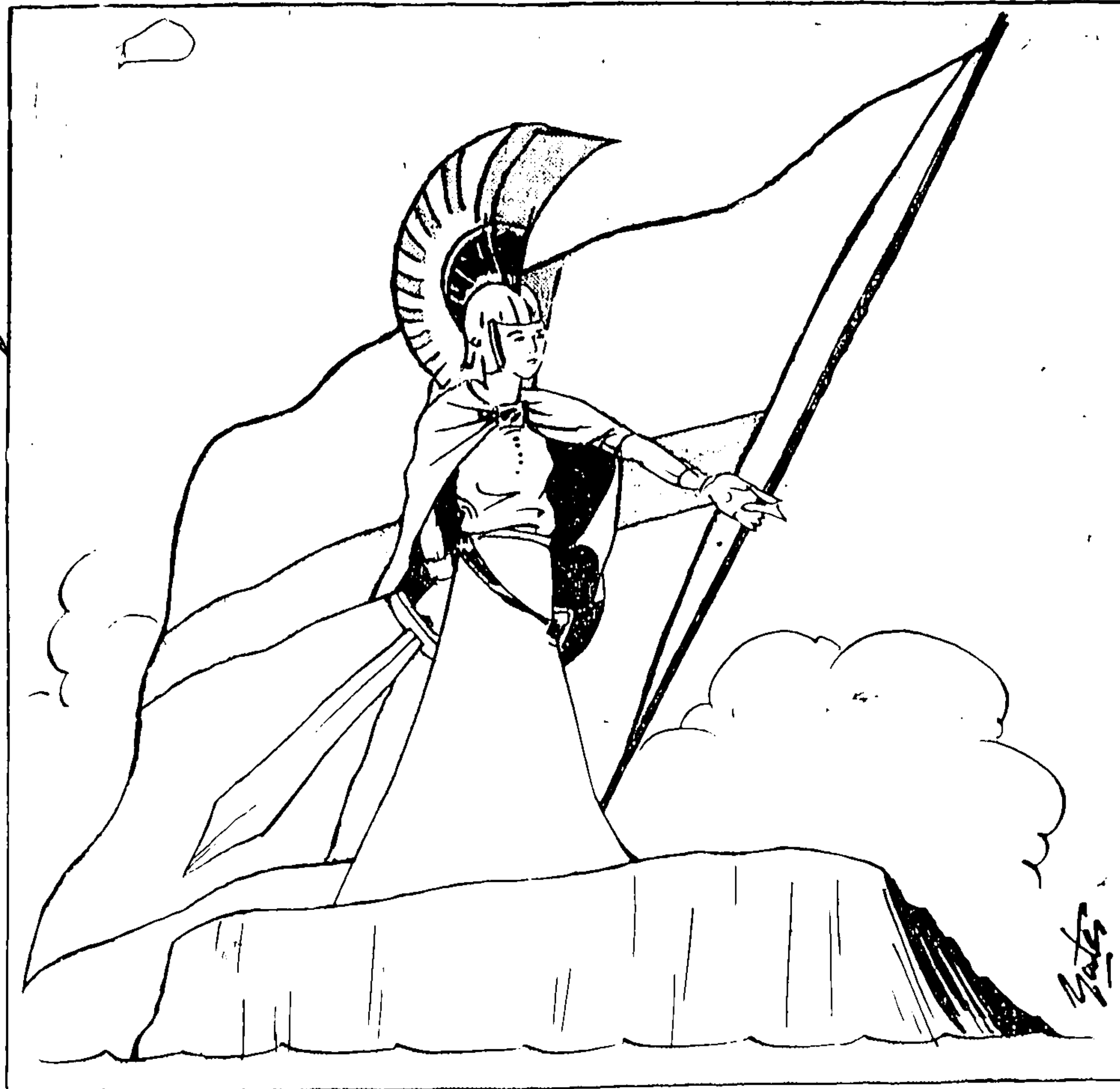
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## FELINE CONSCRIPTS

Among the "devices" suggested to the British Air Ministry for overcoming the menace of night raiders is the inclusion of a cat in the crew of every British night fighter. According to the inventive citizen who advanced the idea, the gunner's duty would be the relatively simple one of keeping his eye on the cat and shooting in the direction in which it happened to look. We all know, of course, that a cat can look at a king, but—here a weakness of the proposal obtrudes—is there any certainty that it could be induced to look at a German? Assuming, however, that any feline fastidiousness on this score could be overcome, there is much to be said for the scheme. For one thing, it would provide a crushing answer to those niggardly critics who now begrudge domestic cats their food on the ground that they contribute nothing to the war effort; it would solve the problem of superfluous kittens (for a constant stream of recruits would be needed); and, above all, it would demonstrate to Hitler that Britain is prepared to exceed even his limits in the mobilisation of national energy. But there is, unfortunately, another side to the matter. "When the cat is away, the mice (to say nothing of the rats) will play," and these rodents, being notoriously concerned with sabotage, would think nothing of seizing an advantage should their natural enemies be detailed for military duties. It would, therefore, appear to be necessary for some other bright inventor to apprise the British authorities of an effective stratagem for coping with a situation so fraught with potential loss and annoyance to the populace, before the conscription of cats could be considered feasible.

## RUMANIAN CIVIL WAR

Russia is alleged to have a hand in the Rumanian disorders though the facts rather suggest that the Gestapo knows far more about the course of events than the Kremlin. The Government of General Antonescu is unsatisfactory to the Nazis because it is losing touch with the Rumanian people. It is not able to inspire them to give their whole-hearted efforts to the "new order." The Third Reich needs puppets that can keep their peoples in line.



"THERE'LL ALWAYS BE AN ENGLAND."

# The Man Who Refuses To Die

If I were asked to name a man in these islands, who, by action and philosophy is the epitome of the beleaguered British race in war time, I would unhesitatingly say that man was Winston Churchill.

In times of peace and repose, half a dozen names might occur to one for a selection, for in a country like England where a man may say and do pretty well anything within reasonable limitations, the leaders of every political party have a right to be considered the leaders of this nation in greater or lesser degree; but not so at a time when the people of Great Britain are fighting perhaps the last decisive battle of their civilisation.

It is, therefore, no small tribute to the greatness of this man that he is universally acclaimed as the undisputed leader, to steer the course to safety in days of such national gravity here.

Mr. Churchill's career is epitome of the people amongst whom I live here, because no man of our time has had so much success, so much political buffeting. His triumphs have not been unmarked with failure; and yet he has the singular capacity of profiting by his successes, and the wisdom to live down his failures.

The remarkable fact is that he has never allowed himself "to be broken" by the adversity which has occasionally befallen his political career; and that, in common parlance, is the secret of his success.

After entering Parliament, Mr. Churchill was President of the Board of Trade, Home Secretary, First Lord of the Admiralty, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, Minister of Munitions, Colonial Secretary, Secretary for Air, Secretary for War, and Chancellor of the Exchequer; First Lord again, and then to-day Prime Minister.

During the last war the Conservatives, who welcome him as their leader now, demanded his removal from the Admiralty. He went to France to serve, and later won back his way to eminence as the Minister of Munitions.

Even electors rejected him twice on the collapse of the Coalition Government of 1922, and yet he

was soon invited to become Chancellor of the Exchequer.

During the time when the economic depression laid heavy hands upon Britain, the National Government did not dream of including him; and although still in the political wilderness, he refused to admit defeat and fought against the Government's programme for India and Disarmament two

**By Sirdar  
Ikbal Ali Shah**

such "political mistakes" from which in ordinary times there is no forgiveness.

Yet Mr. Churchill's pen was ever active, his tongue never silent. He spoke in the name of England and ignored his critics and rivals.

He did this because he is quite obviously and devoutly sincere about his country, and will stick to the fight, throwing into it his heart and soul. There is no turning back with Mr. Churchill.

If he were of the philosophy of victory-or-death heroes, his career would have ended long ago. Nor is he of those who, "run away to fight another day", but something in between these two conceptions.

I feel I am right in defining his attitude of mind as sincerity for the service of his race. The baffling thing is that his is no blind patriotism as of one who would say "My country, right or wrong," for that would be more in keeping with Germanic doctrines.

It is a genuine desire to see his people enjoy that which is their legitimate due; their rightful place under the sun.

To these qualities his gifts of writing and speech making should be added. Before the War of 1914-1918 when he went to Dundee to address his constituents, the fish-wives and factory girls mobbed him in sheer happiness,

so a Scottish friend told me, for he had spoken to them just of those matters dearest to the heart of the humbler folk of Scotland.

When I first heard him in London some years ago, every word which he spoke may have been unacceptable to me, but I could not help joining in the enthusiastic acclamation with which he sank back into his chair on the dais, for the man was brutally frank and objectively sincere. He was warning his countrymen of the perils to the Empire.

Such, therefore, is Mr. Churchill, the descendant of the Great Duke of Marlborough — Marlborough, the greatest military genius of his time. Like his grand-sire, Churchill is a fighter to the bitter end.

This does not mean that he is the greatest fighter, but it does mean something which is perhaps equally as great, that is, he has the capacity to survive the hardest blows, to keep on giving back hard knocks, and of never being completely knocked out.

No species of life is a greater adversary than one which refuses to be killed, but persists in doggedly holding on to the bitter end.

The whole course of his actions ever since he has taken up the reins of the Government during this war proves that he has enthused this country with something of his own philosophy; or it may be that that faculty was always there in his countrymen, and he has merely reclaimed them to their true heritages.

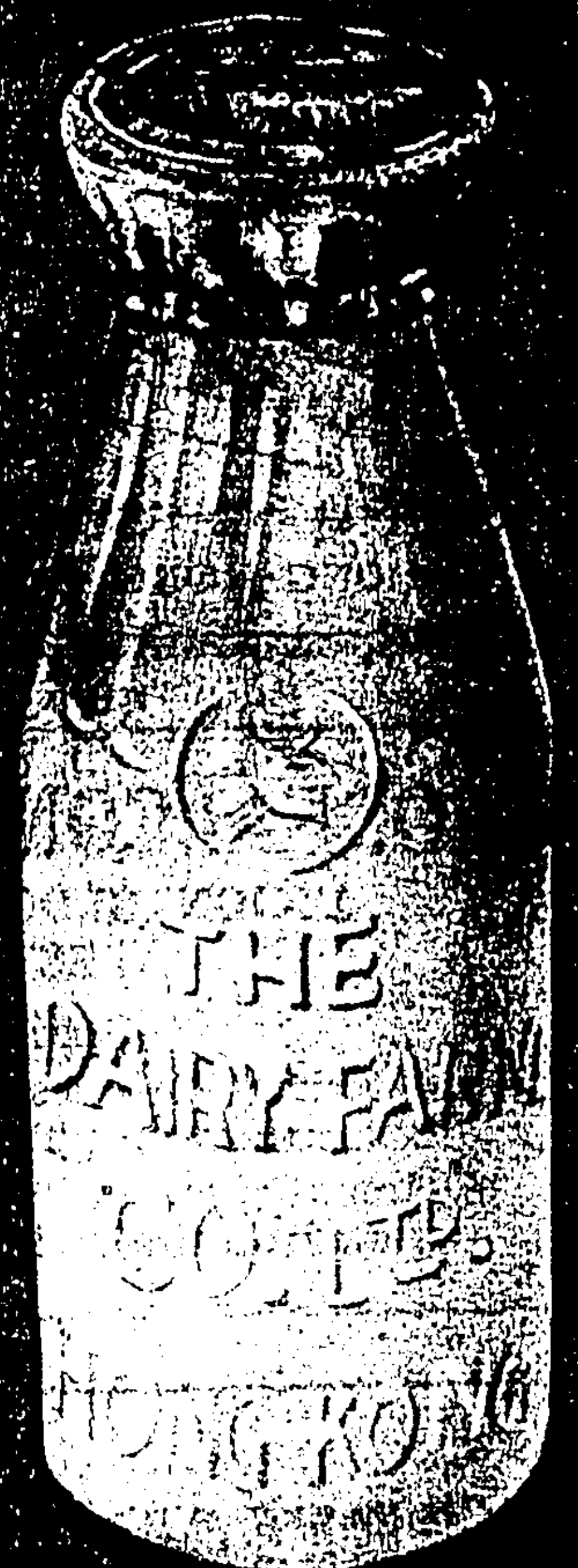
Never, therefore, was a truer thing said than this: that a country gets the government it deserves. England has the leader she deserves — a fighter to the end, who is ready to give as good as he gets.

When the thunder of the guns, and the dust of bombed houses is no more, you will still find Mr. Churchill, albeit with bandaged head and bleeding jaw, shaking a clenched fist at the enemy; for he is not of the "dying-kind", nor will he let his people lie down and do nothing. He will lead them on, and he who fights longest must win in the end.

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# EMBEZZLEMENT CHARGE: DELAYED FOR A YEAR

**SENTENCE OF SIX months' hard labour was imposed on Wong Kung-put, 31, by the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Criminal Sessions this morning, when he pleaded guilty to embezzlement of \$3,870.02.**

The Hon. Mr. Leo d'Almada, instructed by Messrs. Woo and Woo, appeared for complainant firm, while accused was represented by Mr. H. W. Lee, instructed by Mr. J. M. d'Almada Remedios.

There were several charges, the last being that between December 29, 1939, and January 2, 1940, he embezzled \$3,870.02.

Accused pleaded guilty to that charge and not guilty to the others. This plea was accepted by the Hon. Mr. Leo d'Almada.

Mr. H. W. Lee on behalf of his client, said he did not want to disguise defendant's guilt and breach of duty while in charge of the firm's affairs. Defendant was a young man who, without special training or experience, had made money for the firm, and who had gained the confidence of his employers. He was in sole charge of the business and its finance.

Perhaps it was due to excessive confidence placed in him suddenly that proved his undoing.

### Exchange Speculation

He indulged in exchange speculation where better men had failed. Luck was against him and his initial disaster simply led to a blind desire to recoup his losses. When his folly became too apparent, he wrote a letter to the managing partner and made a clean breast of the whole affair.

He made no lame excuses and concealed nothing. His one and only desire was to rectify his wrong doing. After an interview

with the manager, he was received back into the firm and at once set about getting his books in order and for a whole year, until these proceedings, was in the firm. He still had the confidence of the managing partner and among his other duties was one of collecting money. True to his promise, he had refunded about \$4,000 to date.

He came of a respectable family and his salary was \$40 a month.

### Proceedings Explained

Asked by the Chief Justice why he was re-engaged and then proceedings taken, Mr. d'Almada said that the manager and other partners were relatives of accused. It was only later, when one of the other partners came to know of the affair, that proceedings were taken.

Passing sentence, His Lordship said the strongest argument in his favour was that though he was employed in what was doubtless a family concern, he was trusted with large sums of money without supervision or guidance and at the same time paid a salary so small that temptation must inevitably be present.

## JAPANESE MONOPOLY RACKET

IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY, MR. HAMILTON-KERR (OLDHAM) ASKED WHETHER THE FOREIGN SECRETARY HAD ENQUIRED OF THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT HOW THEY RECONCILED THEIR ACTION IN RESTRICTING THE IMPORT OF SUGAR TO CHINA TO IMPORTS FROM JAPAN AND FORMOSA, WITH MR. Y. MATSUOKA'S REPEATED DECLARATIONS THERE WOULD BE NO DISCRIMINATION AGAINST THE TRADE OF OTHER COUNTRIES.

Mr. Hamilton-Kerr also asked for a statement regarding the importation of 24,000 bags of sugar to Tsingtao while applications for permits by British firms were refused.

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replied that the Foreign Secretary had called for a report on the present position regarding the import of sugar to China.—Reuter.

## STRIKE SITUATION IN U.S.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT HAS ASKED MINERS AND OPERATORS TO REOPEN IMMEDIATELY THE BITUMINOUS COAL MINES CLOSED BY STRIKES SINCE APRIL 1.

Meanwhile the Detroit State Labour Mediation Board has decided that the threatened strike in the General Motors Corporation must be postponed another 25 days, owing to national defence work.

The United Automobile Workers recently set to-day as the deadline.—International News Service.

### Negotiations Open

Southern coal-owners have agreed to restart negotiations with United Mineworkers for resumption of work following the appeal by President Roosevelt.

The President appealed for the immediate reopening of the soft coal mines, which have been shut for weeks by strike, in the public interest.—Reuter.

## PROPOSED U.S. TAX BILL APPROVED

The U.S. House of Representatives Ways and Means Committee yesterday voted in favour of the Treasury's proposed Tax Bill to raise \$3,500,000,000 in new revenue during the next fiscal year.—Reuter.

## RED CROSS SHIPS SUNK BY NAZIS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The destruction of a ship bearing a \$120,000 Red Cross relief cargo to Greece, and a four-week silence from a second vessel, carrying a \$2,000,000 Red Cross shipment to Athens, was disclosed in Washington yesterday.

It was the first specific loss of any Red Cross cargo through acts of warfare revealed since the beginning of hostilities.

A Red Cross official said the Greek freighter "Gregoris," loaded with drugs, blankets, clothing and food for discharge at Athens, was lost "somewhere in the south Atlantic three weeks ago."

There was no information whether the ship was sunk by torpedo or mine, he added.

Another Greek freighter, the "Cassandra Loulois," en route to Athens with a \$2,000,000 Red Cross cargo, had not been heard of for four weeks, the official declared.—International News Service.

## BAND CONCERT CANCELLED

ST. GEORGE'S DAY WAS OBSERVED TRADITIONALLY AT 12.45 P.M. TO-DAY, WHEN THE PRESIDENT OF THE SOCIETY OF ST. GEORGE, MR. F. C. HALL, AND THE VICE-PRESIDENT, MR. L. C. F. BEL-LAMY, LAID A WREATH AT THE CENOTAPH.

Among those present at the Ceremony were: Lt.-Col. H. B. L. Dowbiggin, the Hon. Mr. T. E. Pearce, the Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell, Messrs. B. Hancock, J. K. Bousfield, E. Cock, (Past-Presidents), Messrs. J. H. R. Hance, J. D. Danby, L. J. Davies, C. G. Wood, W. Lock, G. A. Pentreath, A. H. Penn, P. S. Cassidy, G. Miskin, W. A. Cornett, J. S. Gibson and Mr. S. T. Butlin, (Secretary).

It was subsequently announced to take place at the Cricket Club that the band concert scheduled at 5.30 p.m. has been cancelled owing to the weather.

## SIKHS URGED TO JOIN THE COLOURS

THE ESTABLISHMENT OF TWO PREPARATORY CENTRES TO TRAIN SIKH YOUTHS FOR COMMISSIONS IN THE INDIAN DEFENCE FORCES WAS RESOLVED YESTERDAY BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE KHALSA DEFENCE OF INDIA LEAGUE AT PATIALA.

The Maharajah of Patiala, presiding, said that Khalsa (Sikhs) must join the colours in thousands and uphold the noble and heroic traditions of the Sikhs.

He added it was a rare opportunity for Sikhs to march forward and prove their worth to India and the Empire.—Reuter.

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# WITHDRAWAL TO NEW DEFENCES COMPLETED

## U.S. PLAN OF AID TO CHINA

The agreement under which the United States will loan China U.S.\$50,000,000 to support and stabilise China's currency is expected to be signed this morning in Washington at the Treasury.

Mr. Morgenthau will sign for the United States and Mr. T. V. Soong on behalf of China.

The negotiations, which have been proceeding for some time, it is understood, were completed a few days ago.

What action is likely to be taken under the United States Loan to China of another \$50,000,000 for the purchase of war materials is at present unknown.

### Lease-Lend Aid

But it is expected that this sum will not be utilised as China will probably be getting all the help which can be sent to her under the terms of the Lease-Lend Act.

While details on what America is likely to do for China are still unknown, there is reason to believe that the authorities in Washington are concentrating on four things: firstly, getting into China aircraft both bombers and fighters; secondly, heavier artillery than China is now using; thirdly, raw materials to keep going the Chinese arsenals turning out small arms, shells, grenades, etc.; and fourthly, supplying trucks to increase the capacity of the Burma Road. — Reuter.

## U.S. MAY GET TORNADOES

Britain was reported in Washington to be considering making the new Hawker Tornado fighter planes available for manufacture in the United States, both for the R.A.F. and the U.S. Army and Navy, if they wish to use them.

The Tornado may figure in the efforts now under way to standardise American and British aircraft production in the United States as much as possible.

There is no possibility that the planes could be produced in time to help Britain this spring, but American authorities are enthusiastic about the machine and would be glad to produce it. — Associated Press.

### PERSONAL REVENGE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Police in Shanghai state that the alleged assassin of the Chief Auditor of the Central Reserve Bank, now under arrest, has declared that personal revenge was the motive. He denied being a Chungking terrorist. — International News Service.

### RAIDS ON MALTA

British fighter planes destroyed an enemy aircraft and probably destroyed another during a raid over Malta on Monday afternoon. There were two more raids during the night and another raid yesterday afternoon, in which bombs were dropped but no serious damage or casualties are reported. — Reuter.

## Epic Stories Of Rearguard Heroes

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

DESPITE THE MOST VIOLENT AIR BLITZ UNLEASHED OVER ANY BALKAN BATTLEFIELD, THE ALLIES HAVE COMPLETED A BRILLIANT WITHDRAWAL TO NEW LINES, WHERE THEY ARE FIGHTING VALIANTLY TO STEM THE GENERAL GERMAN OFFENSIVE ON ATHENS.

The Greeks and British, according to a Budapest radio report picked up in New York, have completed the establishment of yet a third line of defence running from the Gulf of Lamia west to the Gulf of Anrakia, about 90 miles long.

Meanwhile, according to the London "Daily Express," German troops have occupied the Greek island of Samothrace and attacked the island of Lemnos.

The Berlin correspondent of the Columbia Broadcasting Corporation says a state of siege has been proclaimed in Athens, Samothrace and Lemnos, and if the report of German occupation is accurate, it holds out additional threat to Turkey.

### Thrilling Stories

Meanwhile, thrilling stories of the heroism of British and Australian troops covering the retreatment of the main force to their new lines are coming through slowly.

A unit of Royal Engineers did a magnificent job of work, blowing up bridges under heavy roads, and materially delaying land and air attack, mining the onrush of the German panzer detachments.

In Larissa, there was deadly street fighting in which the Australians cheered themselves with glory.

Before the grim battle in Larissa was over, the Germans had surrounded the town with tank units, but the Australians refused to capitulate, smashed their way through the German cordon and rejoined their division.

Two companies of New Zealanders held up enormous German forces for three days at a vital pass. — International News Service.

### The Stubborn Greeks

Greek resistance is described by Italian war correspondents as "exceptionally stubborn" according to a Milan telegram to the "Neue Zuercher" in Zurich yesterday.

"The Greeks are clever in their use of terrain and well prepared defences," say these correspondents, adding: "Systematic destruction of all routes available for attackers gives the Greek rearguards, comprising several divisions, advantages which the Italians can only overcome by tremendous efforts and sacrifices." — Reuter.

## WATCH-GLASS SAVED MR. WILLKIE FROM "DISASTER"

A WATCH-GLASS — and a hall porter — saved Mr. Wendell Willkie from "disaster." He was speaking at a lunch in London. But he finds it almost impossible to talk publicly unless he twiddles his watch, attached to a gold chain he wears.

Before the lunch job, he lost his watch-glass and had to leave the watch behind.

He was so uneasy that he feared he might not be able to talk without twiddling the watch.

So he phoned his hotel. The hall porter is an amateur "jeweller."

He got the watch, fitted in a glass in double-quick time, and rushed it to Mr. Willkie—who made his speech after all, twiddling the famous watch vigorously.

## NAZI ARMS SHIP BLOWN UP

Naval aircraft have torpedoed a tanker, a supply ship and an ammunition ship recently, all of which were intended for the enemy armies in the Balkans, it was officially announced in London yesterday.

In addition a large tanker was hit by torpedoes and probably sunk off the Norwegian coast by the Free French submarine "Minerve."

The tanker was of about 10,000 tons, the supply ship about 6,000 tons and the ammunition ship about 7,000 tons.

The munition ship blew up with a tremendous explosion and columns of smoke and fire rose 3,000 feet into the air.

One of our aircraft is missing from these operations. — Reuter.

## ADULTS GIVE CHILDREN "NERVES"

Where children's nerves have been upset by the strain of wartime life, it is generally a reflection of the condition of adults in the family.

This view is expressed in reports from Board of Education officers, said Mr. Chuter Ede, Parliamentary Secretary to the Board, speaking at Carshalton, Surrey.

Children's nerves and health had stood up astonishingly well.

## BIRTHDAY PRESENT FOR HITLER

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

"North America's answer to Hitler's birthday celebration," was how Mr. Mackenzie King, Canadian Premier, described the results of his conference with President Roosevelt.

Mr. King also announced that President and Mrs. Roosevelt had promised to visit Ottawa early next month.

Mr. King referred to the statement that Canada and the United States will exchange war material and co-ordinate their defence efforts to speed hemisphere defence and aid Britain.

He described the agreement as "mobilisation of the resources of the Continent to defeat Hitler." — International News Service.

## HOME GUARD BUILD OWN ARMoured CAR

FOUR MEMBERS OF THE HOME GUARD ARE TO ATTEMPT A PARADE AT BRISTOL WITH AN ARMoured CAR THEY HAVE BUILT.

They are presenting it to their battalion.

The four men worked on the tank during their spare time.

Plans were drawn up, a 30-cwt chassis produced, and the armoured materials obtained.

The value of the car is put at £1200. Labour "costs" alone were in the region of £600.

## KEEPING ENGLAND GOING

"The war can only be won by keeping the defence of the existing system of Democracy going — and that defence is England."

So President Roosevelt told a press conference at the White House yesterday, adding: "the war cannot be won by one sea-fight or by one retreat in Greece or even in the whole of the Mediterranean."

He replied in the affirmative to a questioner who asked whether he was confident that the defence of England would be kept going.

"Certainly," he said, "there will be no lessening of shipments of war materials to England."

Asked whether the question of convoys now had to be considered, President Roosevelt remarked cryptically that he did not live at Delphi (the place of the legendary Greek Oracle).

He described as "too glittering" a further inquiry as to whether any steps were being undertaken to protect "the bridge of ships." — Reuter.

## SIT-DOWN STRIKE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Hundreds of workers employed by the Commercial Press in Shanghai, attempted a sit-down hunger strike on the premises yesterday but were later ejected by the Police.

It is understood that the workers presented demands and began the strike yesterday when informed that no reply had yet been received from the head office in Hong Kong. — Our Own Correspondent.

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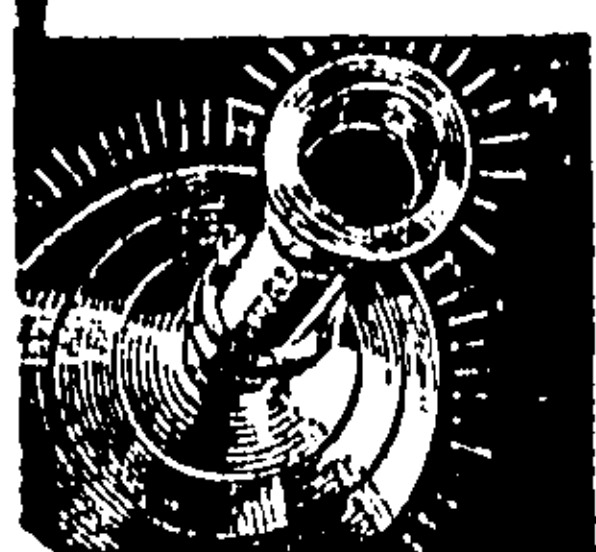
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Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

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### By The Four Aces

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South, Dealer  
Both sides vulnerable

♠ A 5 3 2  
♥ A K 10 8  
♦ A 4  
♣ 7 6 2

♠ K J 9 8  
♥ J  
♦ K 10 8 3  
♣ J 10 5 3

♠ Q 10 7 6  
♥ 3 2  
♦ Q J 9 7  
♣ 6 5

♠ 4  
♥ Q 9 8 7 5 4  
♦ 2  
♣ A K Q 9 4

The bidding:

| South | West | North | East |
|-------|------|-------|------|
| 1♥    | Pass | 3♥    | Pass |
| 4♣    | Pass | 4♥    | Pass |
| 5♣    | Pass | 7♥    | Pass |
| Pass  | Pass |       |      |

"When South bid four clubs, he signified that he was interested, at least mildly, in a Slam, otherwise he would have bid four hearts or three notrump. This interest in Slam was very gratifying to North with his top in the trump suit and two side Aces. He temporised with four diamonds to see what South would do next.

"And when South bid five clubs, North decided that South must have a real club suit headed by at least Ace-King-Queen. After all, South couldn't have better than Queen-Jack of hearts, so had to have top cards somewhere to justify even an opening bid — let alone two attempts to reach a Slam. If those tops were Kings in diamonds and spades, why would South bid and rebid the clubs?"

"On the basis of this inference, North jumped all the way to the Grand Slam, which was made without the slightest trouble. At the other table (this was a team-of-four match) they stopped at six. The only thing that bothers us now is whether we staggered into a lucky contract, or if our inferences were justified."

We don't think luck had anything to do with the hand. It was beautifully bid, and we agree with South's bidding and North's inference one hundred per cent.

Yesterday you were Merwin Maier's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ K J  
♥ K J 9 4  
♦ 8 5  
♣ A J 9 3 2

The bidding:

| Maier | Jacoby | You  | Schenker |
|-------|--------|------|----------|
| 1♠    | 1NT    | Dbl. | Pass     |
| Pass  | 2♥     | Dbl. | Pass     |
| Pass  | 3♣     | Dbl. | Pass     |
| Pass  | 3♦     | (?)  |          |

ANSWER: Pass. You have already shown the strength of your hand by your repeated doubles of contracts you were reasonably sure to defeat. By passing at this point, you will not deny that strength but will show that you are weak in diamonds. For all you can tell, three diamonds can be made.

## Question No 697

To-day you are Howard Schenker's partner and, with your side vulnerable against non-vulnerable opponents, you hold:

♠ A 7 5 2  
♥ 10 4 3  
♦ K J 9 8  
♣ A 8

The bidding:

| Jacoby | Schenker | Maier | You |
|--------|----------|-------|-----|
| 1♠     | 2♥       | Pass  | (?) |

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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# RADIO

12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 p.m.—Military Band Music with Peter Dawson (Bass).

The Standard of St. George—Quick March (Alford). Massed Bands of the Aldershot & Eastern Commands, conducted by W. H. Campbell.

Britain's Heritage (Medley of Patriotic Songs)—Intro: Hearts of Oak; The Old Brigade; Lads in Navy Blue; Here's a health unto His Majesty; Rule Britannia... Peter Dawson (Bass).

Drake's Drum (Trayton Adams); Britannia—Slow March (arr. Trayton Adams). Massed Bands of the Aldershot & Eastern Commands conducted by Burgess.

Britain's Heritage (Medley of Patriotic Songs)—Intro: Soldiers of the King; Private Tommy Atkins; British Grenadiers; Red White & Blue... Peter Dawson (Bass).

English Folk Songs & Dances—Intro: John Baneycorn; Admiral Benbow; As I Walked through the Meadows; Bingo—Dashing Away with the Smoothing Iron; Nancy's Fancy; Drunken Sailor; Bacon Pipes Jiv; O! Waly! Waly! Heave Away My Johnny; Barley Mow; The Crystal Spring. Regimental Band of H.M. Irish Guards conducted by Lieut. G. H. Willcocks.

Good Will Acres of Home (Kahal & Faint). Peter Dawson (Bass). Sussex by the Sea March (Ward Huges). The Band of H.M. Royal Air Force conducted by Flight-Lt. Amers with Male Chorus.

1.00 p.m. Local Time Signal.

1.01 p.m. Variety.

Piano The King's Horses (Gay & Graham). Race Da Costa.

Vocal The Army, The Navy & The Air Force (Dartowski). Cyril Norman with Herman Dartowski & his Band.

Organ Childhood Memories (arr. by Debby Somers). Reginald Footl.

Comedian Mady From the Dairy. The Wompa Improver. Max Miller.

Orchestra Don't Forget the Old Folks at Home (Noel Peles). Billy Cotton & his Band with Vocal Chorus.

Vocal Old Soldiers Never Die. Intro: Fall in and Follow Me. Let the Great Big World Keep Turning. Hello! Hello! Who's Your Lady Friend? Mademoiselle from Armentieres. There's a Long Long Trail. Take me Back to Dear Old Blighty. If You Were the Only Girl in the World. It's a Long Way to Tipperary. Fall in and Follow Me. Grace Fields.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—An Elgar Programme.

"Crown of India" Suite, Op. 66—Introduction and Dance of Nautch Girls. Minuet No. 3 Warriors' Dance. March of the Mogul Emperors. London Symphony Orchestra conducted by Edward Elgar.

Lake to the Danube Rose. Light Symphony Orchestra conducted by Haydn Wood.

Song of Liberty (Pomp & Circumstance March, No. 4). Dennis Noble & Chorus with the Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards, conducted by Capt. Causley Windram.

Queen Mary's Song. Light Symphony Orchestra conducted by Haydn Wood.

Land of Hope and Glory. Nancy Evans & Chorus with the Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards conducted by Capt. Causley Windram.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 p.m.—Topical—Wartime Dance Music.

6/8—Follow the White Line... Harry Roy & his Orchestra.

Fox-Trot—Till the Lights of London Shine Again... Jack Jackson & his Band.

Quick-Step—Berlin or Bust... Jack Payne & his Band.

Fox-Trots—They Can't Black-out the Moon; Good-bye, Sally... Jay Wilbur & his Band.

Quick-Step—We Must all Stick Together... Gerald & the Savoy Hotel Orchestra.

Fox-Trots—Lords of the Air; We'll Remember... The Organ, the Dance Band & Me.

Quick-Step—Miss Mc Goodnight Sergeant Major... Sidney Lipton and his Grosvenor House Dance Orch.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Talk: "From the Old Country".

7.30 p.m.—Excerpts from Gilbert and Sullivan's "The Yeomen of the Guard".

Overture... Light Opera Orchestra.

When Maiden Loves, She Sits & Sighs... Nellie Brierecliffe (Contralto).

Were I Thy Bride... Nellie Brierecliffe.

Oh! Sergeant Meryll, Is It True?... Peter Dawson & Chorus.

Forbear, My Friends... Derek Oldham, Nellie Brierecliffe, Leo Sheffield & Male Chorus.

Aye, Hug Him, Girl!... Leo Sheffield, Derek Oldham, Nellie Brierecliffe & Male Chorus.

The Prisoner Comes to Meet His Doom... Full Company.

Oh! A Private Buffoon is a Light Hearted Loon... George Baker.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal.

8.02 p.m.—Compositions of Edward German.

Merric England—Dances: Hornpipe; Minuet; Rustic Dance; Jig... Orchestre Raymond.

Merric England—Vocal Gems...

# WAR STOPS THEIR EXAMS

(By A Special Correspondent)

Exams for entry into secondary schools are being abolished this year by Middlesex County Council.

Instead, candidates will be chosen by elementary school-teachers on the result of their past year's work.

Only in "border-line" cases, where it is impossible for the teacher to decide on fitness for secondary education, will some form of examination be set.

Middlesex County Council started the scheme as an experiment last year.

The scheme has proved so successful that the Council have again decided on "no exams" for 1941.

"Evacuation and part-time opening of schools interrupted some of the children's studies so much that we thought it would be unfair to set a written examination," an official said.

Marian Loeffe, Clara Serena, Francis Russell, Denis Noble, Robert Carr & Chorus.

Tom Jones Selection. H.M. Grenadier Guards conducted by Capt. George Miller.

Four Jolly Sailors. Quartette: Francis Russell, Harry Jones, Raymond Newell & Hardy Death with Piano.

Morris Dance from "Henry VIII Dances". Jack Hyllon & his Orch.

8.30 p.m. Studio—"British Prose Writers" No. 5: Carlyle. Talk by Father J. Ryan, S.J.

8.50 p.m.—Eric Coates—"London Again" Suite.

Oxford Street, Langham Place. The London Palladium Orchestra conducted by Richard Cress.

9.00 p.m. London Relay—"The News".

9.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Questions of the Hour".

9.30 p.m.—A Programme of English Ballads and Popular Music.

Sally Homer (Traditional). Floral Dance (Moss). Brian Lawrence with Fred Hartley & his Quintet.

Fantasia on British Sea Songs (arr. by Sir H. J. Wood). Intro. Bugles. Admiral's Salute. Action. General Assembly. Landing Party. Prepare the Ram. Quick Double—Extend and Close. Sea Songs. Anchor Weigh'd and Saucy Arcturusa. Sir Henry J. Wood conducting the London Symphony Orchestra.

Fairings. Come to the Fair ("Songs of the Fair" Easthope Martin). Percy Heming (Bartone).

Thus England Intro Fanfare. Here's a Health Unto His Majesty. Roast Beef of Old England (vocal). Sir Roger de Coverly. Cherry Ripe (vocal). Come Lassies & Lads. Vicar of Bray (vocal). Drink to me only, Lincolnshire Poacher. A Fine Old English Gentleman (vocal). Lass of Richmond Hill. Ikla Moor bairn (vocal). Sally in our Alley. There's a Tavern in the Town; British Grenadiers. John Peel (vocal). Here's a Health Unto His Majesty.

Debroy Somers Band with Orch. Devonshire Cream and Cider (Curzon & Sanderson). Up From Somerset (Weatherly & Sanderson). Malcolm McEachern (Bass).

9.45 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).

10.00 p.m.—Studio—Our Letter from Free China.

10.15 p.m.—London Relay—"England & St. George's Day". Programme for St. George's Day.

10.30 p.m.—London Relay—"St. George's Day". Feature programme.

11.00 p.m.—Close down.

# What Children Should Know.

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## Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



## A PAGE FOR WOMEN

# Gray Hair Or Bleached Blond?

If you are prematurely gray, or graying, don't think for a minute you have lost allure for the opposite sex. In fact it has been stated that you are preferred by men to any bleached blond.

Men, the darlings, like to be natural and they like natural beauty in women. That is, they like us to be beautiful and if we use ways and means of acquiring beauty, they do not want those ways and means to be obvious.

One very "preferred gentleman," stated it this way: "A bleached blond is obvious. We know her hair colouring is artificial. We may like the effect but



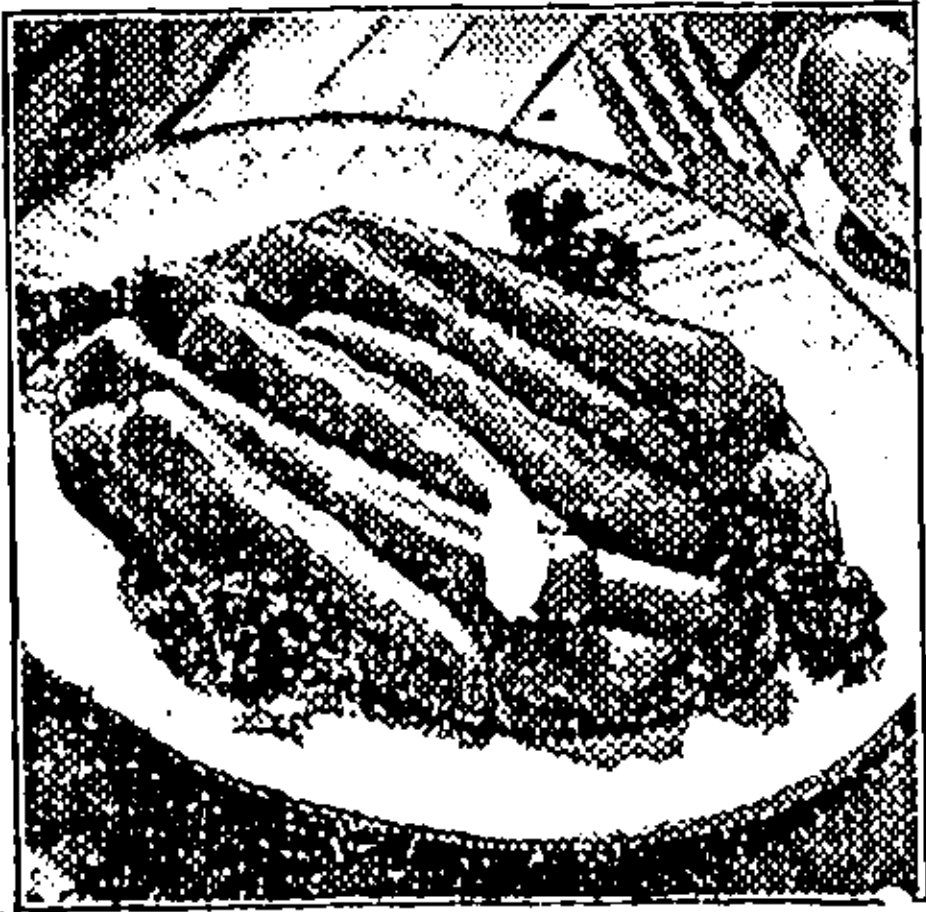
This extremely smart coiffure for gray hair was created by Joseph of New York.

## Flavour Hints for Vegetables

by Dorothy Greig

GRANNY used to say, "All vegetables are more exciting with a bit of fixing up." In her house we'd find little white onions tinned with the peas, and the peas cooked with sprigs of mint; or a flecking of nutmeg on carrots, or onion butter over beets. Granny never had to coax the members of her family to eat vegetables. They always passed back for more.

One of my own pet flavor enhancers for vegetables is condensed soups. These being skillfully seasoned in themselves give forth of that flavor to the vegetables. For instance:



### Savory Glazed Carrots

- 2 tablespoons butter
- 2 tablespoons onions, chopped
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 9-10 whole serrano carrots (5-6 inches long)
- 1 can condensed consommé

Cook the chopped onions in the butter until soft but not brown. Roll the carrots in the flour and salt and sauté with the onions and butter for about 10 minutes. Then pour the consommé with 1/2 cup water over the carrots. Cover tightly and cook until tender. Sprinkle with chopped parsley just before serving.

And mealy baked potatoes, good as they are, taste even better as:

**Tomato Cheese Baked Potatoes.** Bake the potatoes. Scoop out the shells and mash well or put through a ricer. For each medium sized potato add:

- 2 tablespoons condensed tomato soup
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- Pinch of pepper
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 tablespoon sharp grated cheese

Mix all together thoroughly and put mixture back in potato shell. Brown in hot oven or under broiler.

we are puffed with ourselves for detecting the artificial means she used to make it blond. No man ever criticises a gray-haired woman or girl providing she keeps her hair exquisitely groomed and her face pretty. In fact I for one would prefer my wife to be gray than to be bleached blond, although I, male fashion, may remark about a bleached blond looking "stunning." Most of the men of my group would give you the same answer!

### Gray Hair Becoming The Vogue

Recently in a fashion and beauty show for the press, Exhibit B, was a gray-haired model, who was made up so cleverly that her hair was dramatised into being her best asset. When she was introduced we were reminded that most of the greatest sirens of all time such as Marie Antoinette and Madame Pompadour considered gray or white hair so desirable that they powdered their own or wore wigs of either colour.

The trick of being youthfully fascinating, when the pigment of your hair is leaving or has left, lies in expertly applied make-up and in styling your hair in a very chic coiffure!

Pastel tones in eyeshadow, mascara and rouge, and light-keyed pure reds in lipsticks add beauty to the face haloed by fading hair. Face powder of an absolutely perfect shade is vitally important too, and should be blended freshly at least every six months and preferably every three months.

You see when one's hair begins to fade a pigment change takes place throughout the system and the colouring of the skin and eyes noticeably alter.

The tint of the face powder depends upon the colour of one's eyes and the degree to which the hair has faded. If one's eyes are

brown and hair is iron gray, the powder requires a rosy tint. If eyes are hazel, and hair half-way gray, a dash of bright green powder goes into the blending. Blue eyes with hair partly gray or pure white require a powder with bluish or violet tones.

### About Coiffures

Sleek, upswinging coiffures, or those knotted in back and piled high in front, are for the graying haired. Long bobs or many frizzy, sausage curls are out of order - they make men think you are hanging on desperately to your sub-deb youth! Brush your hair away from your face, wear lovely earrings and keep both hair and skin perfectly groomed!



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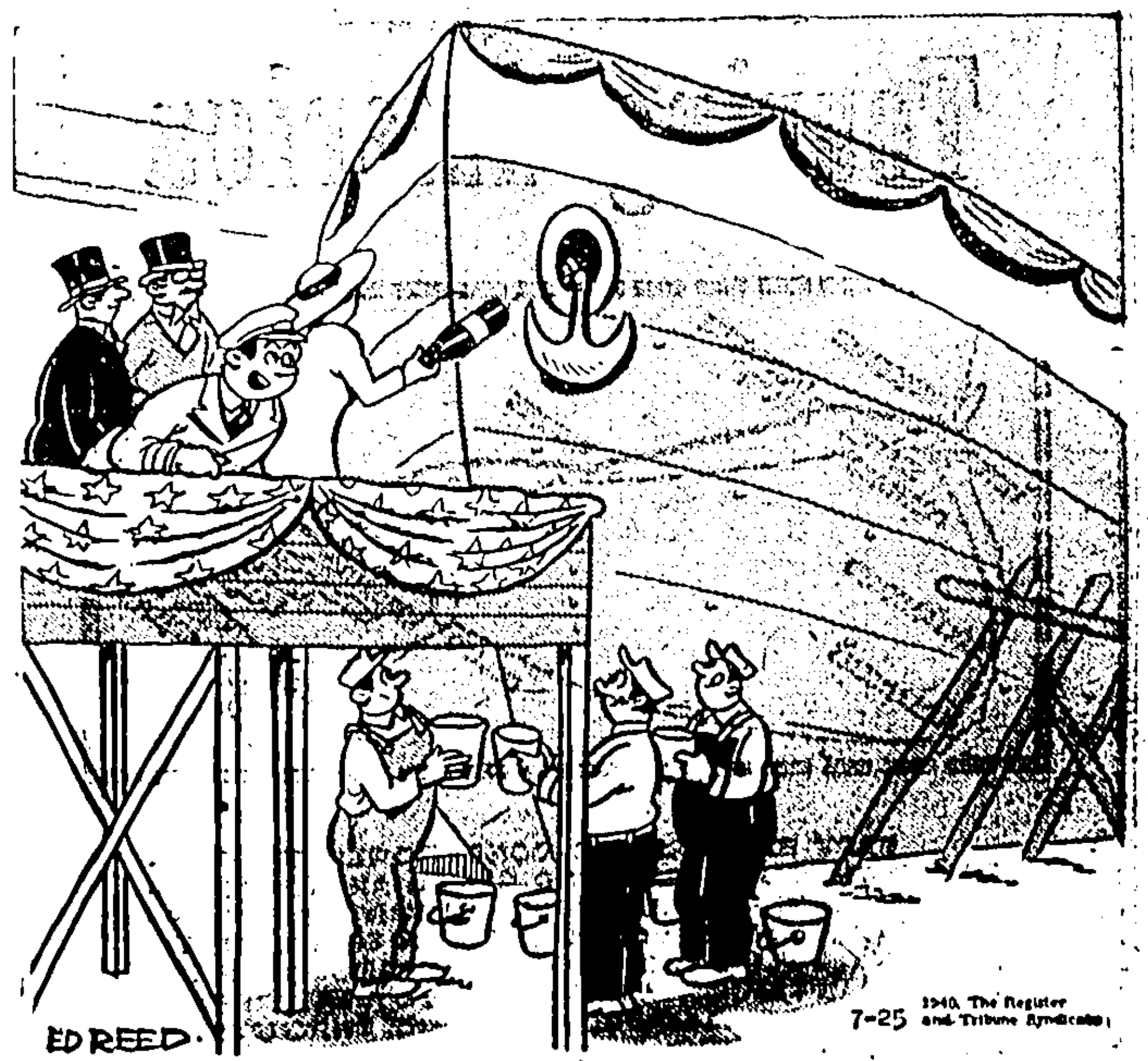
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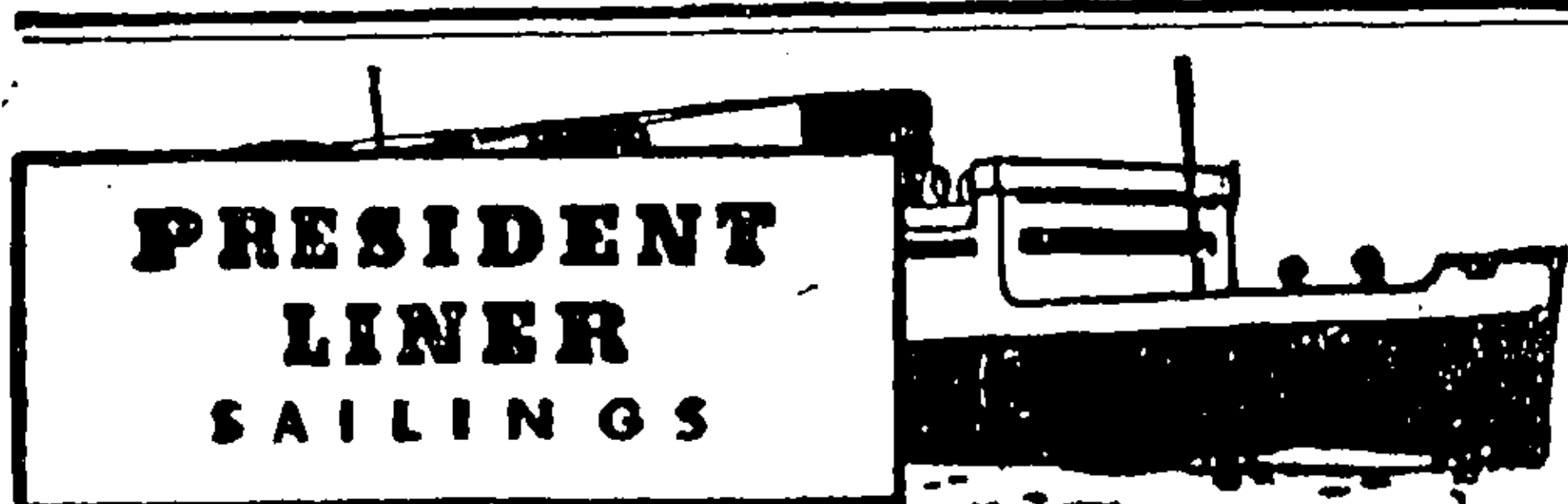


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## R.A.F.'S SUCCESS IN DESERT

Further details of the experi-  
ences of the small force of pick-  
ed British and New Zealand  
troops which had been harrassing  
Italian outposts among the sand  
dunes of the Libyan desert lying  
south of the coastal area, in  
which the Australians and a Bri-  
tish armoured division were  
operating, indicate that their  
activities included the pirating of  
Italian transport convoys, the  
shelling and capturing of isolat-  
ed forts, the blowing up of am-  
munition dumps, and the burning  
of aircraft on the ground, says a  
correspondent of the "Sydney  
Morning Herald."

This sand dune country  
stretches for 800 miles from east  
to west, with an average width  
of 150 miles. Individual patrols,  
equipped with fighting cars, were  
in the desert for as long as six  
weeks, carrying food and water  
needed to last a good part of that  
time.

The Southern Desert is the  
largest sand dune field in the  
world, and is entirely different  
from the flat, stony desert over  
which the A.I.F. marched. No  
rain falls for decades, and rows  
of sand dunes 100 to 400 feet  
high run from horizon to horizon.  
The Italians felt that the garri-  
sons of Kufra and at other isolated  
oases were secure from attack be-  
cause they were protected by the  
dunes, immense distances, lack of  
water, and barely endurable heat.

In the early days of their  
patrol, one or two of the drivers  
became confused by the yellow  
glare, fell over the brink of  
huge dunes, and rolled over and  
over for 100 feet without being  
harmd. For three days it was  
so hot that some of the men  
became delirious.

One patrol, returning from a  
mine-laying expedition along the  
coastal end of the Kufra road,  
appeared suddenly before a fort  
in the Augila oasis. Three shells  
drove out the astonished garrison.  
The raiders removed the fort's  
entire armament and disappeared  
into the desert as swiftly as they  
had come. As a result of such  
raids, all normal traffic along de-  
sert routes has stopped, and no  
movement is allowed except in  
convoys, escorted by guns and  
aircraft. Twice patrols were  
bombed in the shelterless desert,  
but were not damaged.

In the wild northern foothills  
of the Tibesti mountains, with  
their 10,000 foot volcanic peaks,  
one patrol had a rendez-  
vous with Free French troops  
and the combined party in-  
vaded the Fezzan and sur-  
prised and captured the town  
of Murzuk. They invested and  
bombed the fort, using a mor-  
tar, captured 30 Italians, and  
marched on the town of Traghem,  
whose inhabitants marched out  
to surrender, beating drums and  
with flags flying. Two more oases  
were attacked before the force  
turned southwards towards  
French territory.

## PILOT V.C., BOMBED BRIDGE, IS KILLED

Flying Officer Donald E. Gar-  
land, one of the two officers whose  
gallantry in destroying a bridge  
over the Albert Canal in Belgium  
was recognised by the award of  
the V.C., is now reported as pre-  
sumed killed in action. He was  
previously reported missing.

The award, which was the  
second V. C. of the war, was  
made in June.

Flying Officer Garland led the  
formation, all the crews of which  
had volunteered to attack the  
bridge, and much of the success  
of the operation was attributed to  
him and to his navigator, Ser-  
geant T. Gray, upon whom the  
the V. C. was conferred at the  
same time.

## CAN OPERATE IN THE STREET

An old London bus has been  
taken over and converted for use  
as a mobile hospital at Hove, Sus-  
sex, where day and night it is  
standing by ready for raids.

Dr. N. E. Chadwick, the Medical  
Officer of Hove, told a reporter:—  
"The ex-bus is so well equip-  
ped that we can set up an oper-  
ating theatre in the street to  
deal with emergency cases be-  
fore they are taken by ambu-  
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"We can deal with everything  
but a major operation. The doc-  
tors and nurses are all wartime  
volunteers."



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|              |         |         |
|--------------|---------|---------|
| *Muroan Maru | Sunday, | 4th May |
|--------------|---------|---------|

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|           |         |           |
|-----------|---------|-----------|
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| *Toba Maru  | Monday, | 28th Apr. |

KOBE & YOKOHAMA

|              |           |          |
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# WASHINGTON NOT UNDULY ANXIOUS

The "Pravda" description of the Japanese-Soviet Neutrality Pact as a bewildering blow to the United States and British plans to conspire to draw Soviet Russia into war against Japan or Germany and the lengthy explanation that the accord is not directed against Germany is not taken seriously by administration circles in Washington.

"Pravda" particularly singled out for criticism Mr. Cordell Hull's statement last week that the significance of the Pact could be over-estimated.

Asked for comment at his Press conference to-day, Mr. Hull said that he still adhered to what he said last Monday, that the United States policy in the Pacific remains unchanged despite the Moscow accord, and he still insisted that the significance of the Pact could be over-estimated.

He did not say whether the United States Government was contemplating ending the trade talks between M. Oumansky, Soviet Ambassador to Washington, and Mr. Sumner Welles, the United States Under-Secretary of State, as a consequence of the Moscow accord, but admitted that minor trade issues previously discussed had been settled.

## Jittery Apologist

The "New York Herald Tribune" asserts that it is significant that while "Pravda" denied that Moscow wanted the Pact to cover its rear and strengthen frontal defences against Germany, the Japanese Foreign Minister, Mr. Yosuke Matsuoka, maintained in an interview yesterday that the Pact was not first sought by Japan.

The paper believes that "the fate of Yugoslavia made the Kremlin one jittery apologist for the latest offspring of its found political ingenuity."

The "New York Times" says that the "Pravda" statement ought to demonstrate once for all the futility of Washington efforts to appease Stalin. United States' diplomacy, the paper adds, does not need to attack M. Stalin, but should stop the sending of potential war supplies to Russia that could be transhipped to Germany.

## Japan's Anxiety

Upon Mr. Matsuoka's return to Japan, a "Herald-Tribune" dispatch states, Tokyo is in a state of "nervous apprehension."

While there is fear that Pacific peace may be disturbed by Mr. Matsuoka's dealings it is generally believed that Tokyo will continue to mark time if the European situation is indecisive.

The "New York Herald-Tribune" says that Japanese leaders frankly admit that the China problem is vexing the Tokyo Government and a "supreme effort

will be made" to settle the incident.

Meanwhile, Washington is not over-anxious over the situation resulting from Germany's defeat of Yugoslavia and the thrust into Greece, and the Administration is determined to assume its responsibilities come what may. Central News.

## CLOTHING FOR AIR RAID VICTIMS

Parcels of old clothing are gratefully received at the B.W.O.F. Office, Government House, for air raid victims in the bombed areas.

For the convenience of Kowloon residents, the European Y.M.C.A. (c/o Mrs. Phillips) is also a receiving centre.

# 17, DELIVERS MAIL BY PONY

England's youngest postwoman, seventeen-year-old Miss Mollie Hughes, of Christian Malford, Wilts, rises at six every morning and soon afterwards is cantering away on her pony to begin her ten-mile round with the mails.

Already her pony, "Mickey Mouse," a pure-bred Dartmoor, three years old, is a great favourite on the round, and more than one householder waits for him with a titbit.

Miss Hughes, daughter of Captain G. A. and Mrs. Hughes, of Avonweir, Christian Malford, told a reporter that, a few weeks ago, owing to the impossibility of securing a postman for the village of Draycot Cerne, a curtailment of the deliveries was threatened.

To avoid this, and as her war work, she volunteered to take over the job, a plucky action with the depth of winter approaching. Her round includes a number of isolated houses.

The young postwoman straps on herself during darkness a white light showing to the front and a red light showing to the rear.

Early one morning a villager was alarmed to see a red light bobbing up and down in front of him. He could not hear a sound, and could not gain on it. He was thinking of the local ghost legends when the mystery was solved by the postwoman stopping to make a delivery. She had been cantering along on the greenward at the side of the road.

# SEIZED FRENCH 'PLANE, FLEW TO BRITAIN

A YOUNG FRENCH air mechanic who wants to join the R.A.F. armed himself with a revolver, seized a seven-passenger cabin 'plane at an airfield in occupied France, and flew it to England. A.A. guns fired at him as he crossed the coast, but he landed on a bumpy field about 100 yards from a farm at Tregantle, Cornwall.

The first man he met was a labour returning from rabbiting.

"Is this England?" he asked in broken English.

When the farmhand said it was the stranger clasped him round the neck and kissed him. Then some soldiers came up. "Shall I be clicked?" (handcuffed) asked the Frenchman anxiously. They gave him something to eat and took him away to be questioned.

The young man said he was fed up with living under German rule, and tried to get to England in July. He stole a 'plane then, but had engine trouble, and was forced to land again in France.

The machine in which reached Cornwall is a scarlet-upholstered luxury model, and hundreds of sightseers have come to the farm at Tregantle to see it.

# SHOOT THE LOOTERS

Flogging for a first looting offence, shooting for a second conviction. This punishment for looters is advocated by a writer in the "Review," weekly paper of the British police.

"And if this seems too drastic," says the writer, "I would point out that by taking advantage of their already overburdened fellows, such criminals are as guilty of breaking all the laws of human decency as the Nazis we are fighting against, and in sheer self-preservation they should be treated just as drastically."

Every blitzed town has already had its quota of looters and bogus bomb victims says the writer.

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She was Evelyn Froggatt, of Cardiff, accused on unlawfully having in her possession certain documents containing information or purporting to be information regarding the operations or projected operations of H.M. Forces, contrary to the Defence Regulations, 1939.

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### Souza Plays Sound Game For Portugal

By "Grandstand"

CLOSE DECISIONS featured the semi-finals of the International Softball Series last Sunday, when the Indians nosed out the Chinese 1-0, and the United States squad triumphed over Portugal 3-1, whilst Great Britain put up a surprisingly stiff opposition, only to be shaded 5-4 by the strong Chinese lassies.

With the exception of centre-fielder Wilson, the United States team was made up of players from the Mighty Mohawks, who partially wiped off the stigma of their Easter Monday humiliation, by taking Riri Noronha's Portuguese lads before a packed gallery, in a brilliant display, featuring heads up ball by both teams.

Although the Portuguese squad cut out the Stars and Stripes, the latter made effective use of their hits to score, leaving two stranded on the bases, whilst seven Noronhamen died on the sick.

#### Air-Tight Start

For the first two heats, the Portuguese lads played air-tight ball, retiring the Americans in succession, but in the third, Hank Sperry dumped a lulu along first, and pliffed second, whilst Cy Jones worked slabster Gerry Gosino for a pass, to first, both runners advancing on Morris sacrifice bunt. Johnnie Schabert's long fly drove in Sperry, whilst Jones romped home when centre-fielder Bertie Gosano heaved one into the stands when he played the apple.

The U.S. team broke into the scoring column again in the seventh stanza when Pete Fitch stretched a single, and chalked up the clincher on Sperry's rasping single to short centre. Excitement reached fever pitch when hard-hitting rookie Charlie Quinn, pinch-hitting for Coco Marques, slapped out a single with two away, and denied the pay-off station to save Portugal from a white-washing on George Souza's double.

With the rabid fans howling for a homer to knot the count Tony "Peewee" Alves grounded out to end the fracas.

#### Spotlight On Souza

Hank Sperry, the lanky Mohawk left gardener, came up with a perfect willow performance, with three safeties in as many batting chances, but it was Portuguese short-stop George Souza who was the dazzler, fielding nine chances without a fumble, and pivoted from Ozorio to first-sacker Nick Beltrao for

#### CHARITY BENEFITS

The gate receipts of the softball charity games on Easter Monday realised 1,678.00.

the only Portuguese double killing.

Lou Leight, at his usual spot at the hot-corner, started both of the U.S. twin craters, when he snared Alves' liner, and pegged Souza off first, and again when he scooped Bertie Gosano's grass cutter, which forced brother Zabo at third, and forced Bertie out at the initial station.

#### Back To Form

Indian hurler Kassa Nazarin recovered some of his former mound wizardry when he pitched a four-hitter against the Chinese, allowing only one free pass to first, whilst Chinese moundsman Herbie Quon who was picked for three blows passed four to first, but also accounted for four Indians via the strike-out route.

Taking advantage of his hitting streak, slugging out-fielder Jindoo "Muscle-bound" Hussain clouted in the only marker of the tussle, with a timely single, which gave the Indians victory.

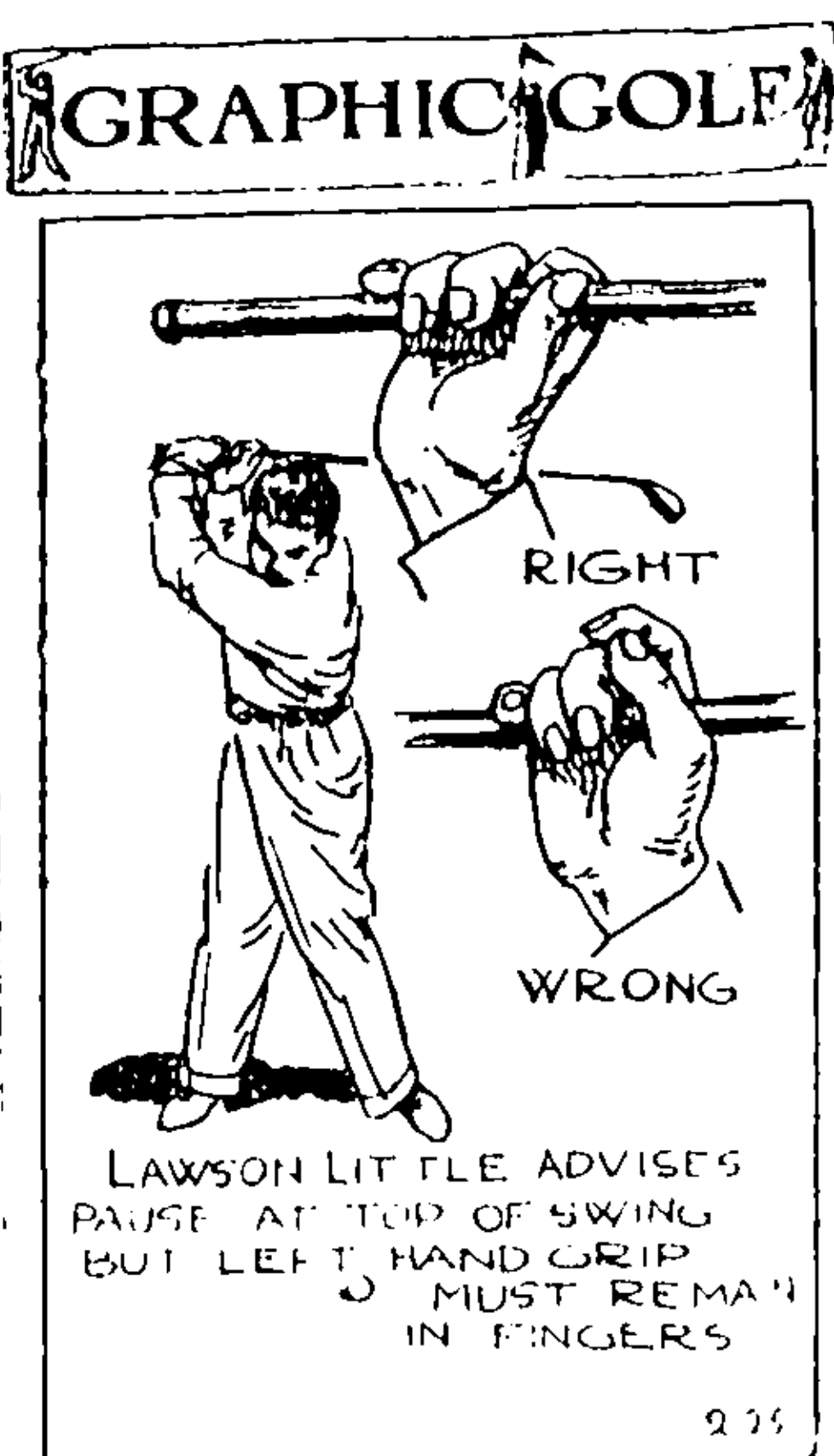
Both sides played shutout ball for the first chapter, each side parading three batters to the plate and back again but in the next semester the Indians threatened to score when "Baby" Abbas stroled to first on four balls, advanced to second on Hassan's weak grounder and burgled third. He was, however, left stranded as Cyclone Bakar tapped an easy roller to moundsman Herbie Quon.

Another Indian uprising in the third was smothered, after Ma-deen Arculli had worked his way to third, but Skelly Razack, Sherry Bux, and Kassa Nazarin were retired in one, two, three order for no gain on the bases.

In the fourth the Indians turned on the heat. Markar Jr. drew a pass, and "Baby" Abbas doubled and sent him to third, but a neat double killing snuffed the scoring set-up when Savage Hassan grounded to keystoneer Bill Chang, who rifled the apple across the diamond for hindsnatcher Nip Lum to nail Markar and Abbas, both of whom hot-footed it for the plate at the crack of the bat. Hussain's timely single pushed Hassan over the counting station to break the ice.

#### Tagged At Plate

The first Chinese scoring opportunity came in the fifth canto when Bill Chang was perched safely on second on Sherry Bux's wild heave, but reckless base running resulted in Chang being tagged at the plate. In the sixth frame, third-sacker Luke Bunn failed to come through with the necessary safety, with ducks in the pond, to waste another scor-



#### Relaxing Left Hand Grip May Alter Right's Hold On Club By Best Ball

The brief pause at the top of the golf stroke allows a more thorough cocking of the wrists as well as a chance for the body to gather its muscular resources together for smooth downswing action. Without this halt there is danger that the downswing action will start before the backswing is complete, a hurrying attitude that results in dashing the club-head earthwards. For efficient execution however the hand action during this pause must be carefully watched.

The left hand grip must be secure particularly the last three fingers of this member, which maintain the most pressure on the shaft. Relaxing these hold may mean that the shaft will tilt down suddenly because of the club-head weight and cause it to sink downward into the crotch between the right thumb and forefinger as illustrated above. To afford double protection against this error the shaft should also be held securely between the index finger and thumb of the right hand. Even when the left hand grip is firm, there is always danger of this fault occurring if the right hand grip is too relaxed at this point.

Next Article:—Gripping The Club.

Jindoo Hussain was the big gun of the day, clouting two of his team's three blows, and drove in the winning run.

Behind the six-hit pitching of Dolly Brown, in her initial mound performance, the Great Britain contingent almost upset the dopesters, when they lost a "heart-breaker" to the Chinese with a last inning rally, but left the winning run stranded on second.

For the two stanzas, Brown had the Chinese handcuffed, fanning three of the six batters to fac'her, the others popping out weakly to the infield. A decision by umpire "Doc" Molthen in the third, which brought forth fiery verbal attacks from the fans, put Doris Mar on second, and eventually tallied on Grandma Hutchinson's fumble for the first Chinese counter. Ullian Khoo slugged another marker for the Chinese to take a two-one lead. A barrage of four safeties in the sixth, produced a cluster of three runs for the Chinese, whilst the British team could only chalk up two in the half of the inning on a pair of singles.

#### Rene Yuen Fumbles

Coming into the last of the seventh, with two runs behind, Coco Yolle fanned the breeze for the first erasure. Dolly Brown grounded out, but Gerry Jorge got a life when first-sacker Rene Yuen fumbled a catch. Another fumble put Jeannette "Blondie" Yolle on the sacks, whilst Gerry Jorge scampered

### MARY HARDWICK'S STARTLING PROPOSAL TO TENNIS ASSN.

MARY HARDWICK, who was recently on a four months' tour of U.S.A., Cuba and Canada with Alice Marble, Budge and Tilden, has sent home a rather startling proposal to the Lawn Tennis Association, writes Geoffrey Simpson in a Home paper.

It is for nothing less than her reinstatement as an amateur after the war, by which time, doubtless, she will have amassed a tidy little sum from her professional matches.

Miss Hardwick's attitude is that her switch to professionalism is due entirely to the war. It has, but her family, it has prevented her from receiving adequate financial support in the United States. So there was nothing for it but for her to turn her talents to profit.

#### Earnings For Charity

Part of her earnings she is handing to the war relief fund, and now she says that if the war ends with the Hardwick financial position "still normal" she will hand the whole of her professional profits to charity. Whereupon the L.T.A., in Miss Hardwick's view, should restore her amateur status.

Naturally, the L.T.A. are not going to be drawn into making a statement on such a proposal, but I shall be very surprised if they entertain it. Once they began leg slating for and vidual cases the line dividing amateurs from professionals would be broken and the way would be open for players to switch from one code to the other.

"Once a professional, always a professional" is the basis of L.T.A. control in this matter, and they are not likely to make an exception in Miss Hardwick's case.

### LAWN BOWLS MEETING

A meeting of the Lawn Bowls Association Council was held at the offices of Messrs. Gande Price and Company yesterday. The President, Sir Athol MacGregor, was in the chair and was supported by Mr. J. A. Fraser, Vice-President, and Mr. R. P. Phillips, Hon. Secretary. Representatives of clubs were also present.

League fixtures drawn up by Mr. Tacchi were approved. The Bowls season is scheduled to open on May 3.

The Chairman said there was an excellent response to the sweep conducted last year, and if it should be decided to hold another sweep, he would be very pleased to undertake the treasurership again.

The following were elected members of the Special Competition Committee: The President or Vice-President, the Hon. Secretary, Messrs A. B. Allan, W. Gill, E. de Souza and V. Chittenden.

#### CHESS RESULTS

Results last night in the Colony Open Chess Championship

Tournaments were: Senior Championship: — C. M. Sequelra beat G. S. Coxhead. Junior Championship: — J. Tausz beat Wm. Lee, To Yu-lau beat R. C. Gardner.

across the pan to slim the lead to one run.

Yvonne Yolle belted one to deep centre which Margaret Young booted, but Jeannette Yolle forgot to weigh anchor and could only make third with the tying run, where she was stranded as Kitty Bush fled out.

Pat Jorge returned the best stickwork, clouting two in three, whilst Doris Mar, Ullian Khoo and Lily Mar were good for a two-bagger each.

### CHINESE GOVERNOR'S CUP TEAM

The following is the Federation team for the play-off of the Governor's Cup competition on Sunday.

Cheung Wing-choy; Tsang Chung-wan, Ng Kee-cheung; Lau Hing-choy, Hsu King-seng, Soong Ling-sing; Yeung Shui-yick, V. K. Hyui, Lee Wai-tong (Capt.), C. T. Tsao and Hau Chung-to.

Manager: — Sze Po-wai and Lam Chung-ho.

The following have also been chosen for the match, between the Shanghai Chinese and the Hong Kong Chinese teams, in aid of a scholarship in memory of the late Chen Chen-wa (Dark Chen) well-known in Hong Kong and Shanghai football circles.

Hong Kong Chinese: — Tam Kwan-kon; Hau Yung-sang, Tsang Chung-wan (Capt.), Kwok Yung-ki, Lam Tak-po, Soong Ling-sing, Yeung Shui-yick, Fung King-cheung, Chan Tak-fai, Lai Shu-wing and Hau Chung-to.

Shanghai Chinese: — Cheung Wing-choy; Ng Kee-cheung, Yim Tse-vum; Lau Tsi-chen, Hsu King-seng, Tsui Ah-fai; C. T. Tsao, Cheung Kam-hoi, Lee Wai-tong (Capt.), V. K. Hyui and Lee

### HOME SOCCER FIXTURES

Following are corrected Football fixtures for Saturday:

WAR CUP SEMI-FINALS

RETURN MATCHES

Leicester v Arsenal

Newcastle v Preston

INTERNATIONAL MATCH

England v Wales

LONDON CUP

Queen's Park

Rangers v Brentford

FOOTBALL LEAGUE (SOUTH)

Bournemouth v Luton

Southend v Southampton

Watford v Portsmouth

REGIONAL LEAGUE (SOUTH)

Aldershot v Tottenham

Mansfield v Walsal

Millwall v Northampton

Reading v Chelsea

Westham v Fulham

REGIONAL LEAGUE (NORTH)

Bolton v Blackburn

Bradford City v Rochdale

Chesterfield v Sheffield

Wednesday

Doncaster v Halifax

Grimsby v York

Huddersfield v Burnley

Leeds v Sheffield United

Liverpool v Manchester United

Manchester City v Blackpool

Middlesbrough v Barnsley

New Brighton v Everton

Oldham v Bury

Rotherham v Bradford

Tranmere v Southport

Wrexham v Stockport

REGIONAL MATCH

Stoke v Chester

SCOTTISH LEAGUE

Albion v Airdrieonians

Rangers v Third Lanark

Hamilton v Motherwell

Hibernian v Dumbarton

Patrick v Celtic

—Reuter.



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# CHOY RESPONSIBLE FOR YET ANOTHER SPLENDID DISPLAY

## Outshines Patrick Wong In Doubles Encounter

### Chew Plays Big Part In Defeat Of Yoong Bros.

By "Adrem"

THE LARGEST CROWD SEEN AT A BADMINTON MATCH THIS SEASON WAS ATTRACTED TO KOWLOON CRICKET CLUB LAST NIGHT FOR AN ENTERTAINING PROGRAMME OF TWO SENIOR DOUBLES, A JUNIOR DOUBLES AND TWO LADIES' DOUBLES MATCHES, ALL BEING SEMI-FINALS.

From a badminton point of view, best matches were in the senior doubles, in which the eight men taking part represented the finest badminton talent in the Colony. There were some exciting interludes last night but, considering the players in action, the standard was not high.

There were no upsets, notwithstanding the fact that the men's doubles title-holders, Patrick Wong and C. Au were eliminated. Having met with defeat in the mixed doubles on Monday, therefore, Wong, who won all three major titles last season, is now only interested in the singles, in which he meets M. P. Yoong tomorrow.

In both the main doubles encounters there were periods where complete reversals of form were displayed. In the second game of the Hooi Chew v Yoong brothers match, the latter were leading 11-4, only to be overhauled, passed and beaten without gaining another ace.

And then again Choy and Low were leading Wong and Au 14-6 in their first game when the latter rallied to such an extent that the scores were "settled."

#### Chew's Brilliance

Featured by the brilliance of Chew at vital moments, H. F. Chew and P. K. Hooi beat the Yoong brothers in straight games.

Whereas Y. P. Yoong, a left-hander, settled down fairly quickly, his more brilliant brother was obviously completely out of touch and made numerous bad mistakes. On the other side of the net Hooi was undergoing a similar experience and showed little of the form that won him three titles the year before last. Result was, lengthy rallies were few and far between, although the action was exceptionally fast.

The Yoongs, whatever the state of the game, played with refreshing vigour and it was their speed and dash, rather than any clever technical ability that enabled them to meet with such success as came their way.

Particularly impressive was their attack of service, which soon reduced Hooi's service to such impotency that on occasions, for a man of his reputation, it was pathetic.

Chew played a cool, clever game, excelling in neat placements at the net and effective half-court shots up the side line that threw the opposing combination out of gear. In the latter part of the first game Chew's form reached its peak, and I don't think it is any overstatement of the case in saying he won the game off his own racket.

In the second game with M. P. Yoong showing considerable improvement and Chew falling away, the Yoong brothers took complete command and swept on to a lead of 10-4. Worried, Hooi and Chew tightened up, concentrated

on defence and slowly crept up to go out for game and set without conceding another ace.

#### Choy's Smashing

The lithe, pantherlike play of K. W. Choy, who smashed furiously throughout the second game, was mainly responsible for the elimination of the title-holders in a match remarkable for poor serving. Both Wong and Au appeared to be nervous when serving to the hard hitting Choy and thus threw away many opportunities by placing the "bird" weakly into the net. Choy's long reach and fine anticipation enabled him to make all his shots with cool efficiency and maximum effect and with Low playing good support, there was never any real doubt as to the ultimate result.

There were occasions, notably in the first game, when the Chinese "Y" pair staged a spectacular rally, when Wong struck championship form but for the most part his serving was weak and his smashing never decisive.

Au was apt to attempt too many trick shots. In the first game he met with some success with clever angled drops but in the course of the match his failure to effect these shots far outnumbered their successful execution.

On his showing last night Choy, if it is possible, is now an even firmer favourite for the singles title than he was before.

On the occasions that he was engaged in duels with Wong, he showed himself to be by far the better player, with the added attribute of having a confidence that now appears to be lacking in the current title-holder.

#### Poor Understanding

The junior men's doubles was not a highly skilful affair and Fisher and Wynter-Blyth were far more superior than the scores would suggest. Anderson and Gilles showed little understanding and appeared to be at some disagreement as to the interpretation of the side-by-side form of play.

The comparative steadiness of Wynter-Blyth was the chief factor in the success of the winners, as Fisher had considerable difficulty in keeping his balance, his confidence suffering much in consequence.

#### Ladies' Doubles

The ladies' doubles matches were interesting if not very clever. Miss M. Xavier and Miss M. Silva were too steady for Mrs. Silva and Miss Ribeiro, while the hard-hitting and accurate serving of Mrs. Terrible, well supported by Mrs. Zimmern, proved too much for Mrs. Castro and Miss Gonzalez. The latter pair would have done better if Mrs. Castro, who played an extraordinarily casual game, had concentrated more on pace—she can hit very hard and deep—and less on her very inaccurate short game.

It was announced before the last game of the final match that an autographed shuttle would be auctioned for the Bomber Fund but, the crowd showing little enthusiasm, this did not materialise.

#### RESULTS

Following were yesterday's Badminton Championship results:

#### H.K.C.C. IN TENNIS LEAGUE

Contrary to earlier expectations, Hong Kong Cricket Club have now found it possible to enter "A" Division of the Lawn Tennis League.

#### WOMEN'S DOUBLES

Mrs. M. M. Silva and Miss M. A. Xavier beat Miss M. Ribeiro and Mrs. Silva 15-11, 15-12.

Mrs. Terrible and Mrs. Zimmern beat Mrs. N. Castro and Miss T. Gonzalez 15-9, 15-11.

#### MEN'S SENIOR DOUBLES

P. K. Hooi and H. F. Chew beat Y. P. and M. P. Yoong 15-4, 15-11.

K. W. Choy and K. B. Low beat Patrick H. Wong and C. Au (holders) 17-15, 15-7.

#### MEN'S JUNIOR DOUBLES

A. I. Fisher and P. Wynter-Blyth beat J. L. Anderson and W. Gilles 18-13, 18-16.

### PATERSON FANCIED TO BEAT LITTLE DADO

JACKIE PATERSON, the tough little fighting man from the Scottish shipyards, took a further lease of the Empire and British flyweight championships when he handed a crushing defeat to Paddy Ryan at Nottingham Ice Rink, writes a correspondent.

Although neither boxer offered Nottingham a local interest, Ryan being a Lancashire-Irishman from Manchester, the arena was packed to capacity (6,000), and the crowd saw a thrilling, if somewhat one-way, battle.

Against Paterson's abnormally heavy punching, Ryan was fighting a hopeless cause from the early stages, but his grand spirit and gallantry in the face of the stiffest punishment electrified on-lookers.

Ryan was actually punched out of the ring in the sixth round. He was hit on the jaw by a swinging right that lifted him over the top rope and deposited him in a heap dead in front of my ringside seat.

#### A Game Boxer

I watched him, unable to help for fear of getting him disqualified, shake himself back to life, wipe the blood from his mouth, and clumb back for more, beating the count only by a split second.

He was beaten then, but the plucky fellow refused to admit it, and not only continued to trade punches with Paterson, but stayed with the champion till the eighth round, in spite of a further right-hand blow which knocked him sitting for a count of nine.

The referee stopped it, but not soon enough, in my opinion. He seemed to be leaving it to the "corner" to throw in the towel, while the towel-flappers were apparently expecting the referee to act.

The result was that poor Ryan took at least 50 blows when in no condition to offer any worthwhile resistance.

There is no doubt that Paterson is a great fighter. Completely unorthodox with his right-foot-forward stance, his keenest admirer could not call him a clever boxer, but he is hard and tough. Ryan's best blows might have been slaps for all the effect they had. Paterson is also a terrifically fast worker—and how he can hit!

There is a knock-out in either hand, which is something one rarely finds in a flyweight. This win has given him a second claim on the current Lonsdale belt, which looks like passing permanently into his keeping in rapid time.

Paterson is also well fancied on this form to beat Little Dado, champion of America, if present plans to bring him here succeed. Obviously Paterson cannot go to New York for a world championship. Besides, he is engaged on the war shipbuilding programme.

### FRIENDLY BILLIARDS

Club de Recreio beat Kowloon Cricket Club by four matches to two in a billiards and snooker contest last night.

#### BILLIARDS

J. O. Remedios 170 (34) beat F. Zimmern 147 (35).

E. M. Soares 150 (31) beat J. H. S. Duncan 31.

J. C. Remedios 150 beat E. Curtis 83.

#### SNOOKER

C. Cunha 80 lost to J. R. Luke 97 (22).

G. F. Rozario 73 (24) lost to C. Pope 145 (15).

A. F. Noronha 117 (25) beat E. C. Fincher 63.

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## A War To Oust Hitler

"How we got into the war we shan't know entirely until we read history that is now hidden," says an editorial in the "Saturday Evening Post."

"We are in it. We are in it all together."

"Rightly we may say that we got into it and could have been got into it only because the great majority of us want one thing, no matter how violently we may have disagreed about the way of getting it."

"We want a world without Hitler. Here we hold with Winston Churchill, the mighty realist who is impatient with those who in the midst of battle clamour for a statement on war aims, a Government blueprint of a new order that is to come after."

"The one-way aim is to destroy Hitler." — Reuter.

## NAZI AIR ACTIVITY OVER BRITAIN

There was some enemy air activity during daylight yesterday mainly in south-east England but no bombs were reported dropped in any area, says an Air Ministry communique.

British fighters shot down an enemy bomber into the Channel in the morning.

It is now known that two

## Lord Chatfield In The Raid

(By Reuter's Staff Correspondent in Plymouth)

Admiral of the Fleet Lord Chatfield watched from Government House, the fire blitz on Plymouth on Monday night, and yesterday toured the newly devastated areas.

Guest of the Commander-in-Chief, he kept himself informed of each phase of the raid during its progress and methods to meet the attack.

Lord Chatfield was on a visit to Plymouth to consult about awarding medals to civilian raid heroes in earlier attacks.

Undismayed, the townsfolk yesterday settled down to the task once more of cleaning up the city.

THIS TIME MANY BOMBS FELL ACROSS ROADWAYS THEY CAUSED LITTLE DAMAGE BUT INCONVENIENCED TRAFFIC. BUT THERE WAS PLENTY OF WORK FOR DEMOLITION AND REPAIR PARTIES.

On the corner of what was once one of the proudest of Plymouth's thoroughfares a man gazed with saddened eyes at the remains of a temporary building in which his staff was housed since the firm lost their entire premises and stock when the street was gutted in recent raids.

### To Build Again

Promising to build his business to its former pinnacle of "prestige and integrity," he added, "Our staff had not be workless. Hitler will never defeat us this way and the greater and more murderous his attacks the more complete is the faith, endurance and confidence of his victims." — Reuter.

enemy bombers were destroyed by A.A. fire during Monday night's attack on Plymouth. — Reuter.

### Second Raid

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Brief air raid alarms were sounded in different parts of England yesterday, but no bombs were dropped.

Plymouth was again heavily attacked last night and large fires were started. The rescue workers are still searching in the debris for victims.

Another town in the same area was also attacked, but on a lesser scale. — International News Service.

## American Doctors Respond

Red Cross Headquarters in Washington was swamped yesterday with enquiries from American doctors in respond to the call for volunteers to go to England.

Two hundred applications were received yesterday and the Red Cross office in Los Angeles was also reported swamped.

One doctor wired from Chicago "Bag packed. Ready to leave. When, where, do I report?" while others asked "Please wire information on procedure. We are ready to handle our part of the job."

One doctor flew to Washington from New York in order to volunteer personally.

The Red Cross in Washington increased their staff by ten in order to handle applications and make arrangements for doctors to proceed to England. — Reuter.

### GREEK "VERDUN" IN PROSPECT

(Continued from Page 1)

man aircraft. The rearguard, having inflicted heavy slaughter on the German troops, has now also withdrawn.

### Athens Communique

After repulsing two Italian attacks on the left wing and heavy dive-bombing by Nazi Stukas, the Allies have successfully retired to their new positions in the mountains, maintaining an unbroken line, says an Athens communique.

Heavy losses were inflicted upon the Italians, with the Greeks setting traps for the pursuing Fascists and taking numerous prisoners.

### Fighting At Lemnos

An Ankara despatch to the London "Daily Express" with reference to the reported occupation by the Germans of Samothrace Island and an attack upon Lemnos, says that it is unlikely that any resistance was offered at Samothrace, but it is believed that the Greeks on Lemnos Island, which covers the entrance to the Dardanelles, are putting up a battle against an attack by motor-boats.

### Looking Beyond

Britain is looking far beyond the present battlefields, said Mr. Churchill yesterday in an appeal to the nation to refrain from premature judgment on developments in Greece. — International News Service.

## U.S. OBSERVER KILLED IN EGYPT

Colonel Gerald Brower, United States military and air observer, has been killed in Egypt, it was announced in Washington yesterday, says Reuter.

## GERTRUDE DRAYTON KILLED

The death by enemy action is announced of Gertrude Drayton, Secretary of the Victoria League and well-known to thousands of Far East students in Britain. — Reuter.

## Means Little In Long Run

In the final result the Yugoslav catastrophe means little, says the Swedish newspaper "Goteborg Posten."

From the outbreak of war till March 27, Yugoslavia was a German and Italian pantry, economically quite at the disposal of the Axis. Now it will be under the German war economy.

But after the destruction of the country and the dislike and hate which will develop, Yugoslavia will hardly be more valuable as a purveyor. — Reuter.

## STOP PRESS

Three cases of cholera — two from Victoria and one from the New Territories — 25 cases of tuberculosis, five of dysentery, three each of diphtheria and measles and two of enteric fever, were notified to the Health Authorities yesterday.

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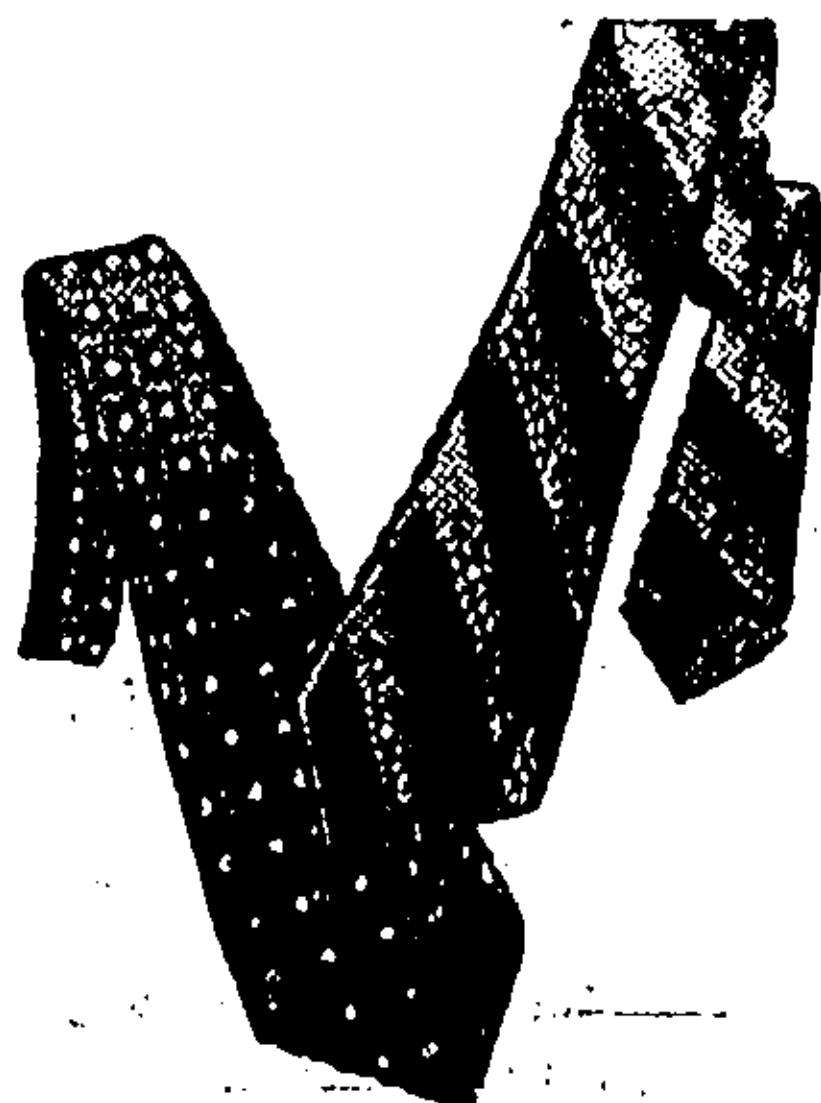
### DEATH

EDWARD.—On April 22nd at Struan Private Hospital, Sydney, Australia, Kathleen Pamela, dearly beloved wife of D. S. Edward, P.W.D., Hong Kong. (By cable).

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